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Namibia talks fail to achieve peace formula

The South-West Africa People's Organization is to call for mandatory sanctions against South Africa after the failure yesterday of the conference on Namibia to agree on a ceasefire and implementation of the United Nations plan for the territory's independence. Swapo said the failure was due to the prevarication and intransigence of the South-African-led delegation.

Swapo seeks sanctions on South Africa

From Nicholas Ashford Geneva, Jan 13

The United Nations-sponsored conference on Namibia has failed to achieve its main objective, which was to agree on a date for a ceasefire and for the implementation of the the implementation of the United Nations settlement plan for the disputed territory.

At a working session of the conference this evening, Mr Danie Hough, the territory's Administrator-General and head of the South African-led delegation, announced that it would be "premature" to proceed with discussion on senting a date for the implementation of date for the implementation the settlement plan.

His announcement came shortly after Mr Dirk Mudgs, leader of the largest of the internal Namibian parties, the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, had called for more time before announcement of the before the page of the called for more time before the page of t going ahead with the plan. Mr Mudge also ruled out the pos-sibility of signing a ceasefire agreement during the confer-

reaction of the South Vest Africa People's Organiza-tion (Swapo) to Mr Hough's announcement was swift. Mr Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Swapo spokesman, said tonight that the organization would ask the Security Council to approve a resolution calling for comprehensive mandatory sanctions, including an oil embargo, against South Africa.

He also said Swapo would intensify its guerilla war against South African forces operating in the northern region of Namibia. He attributed the failure of the conference to the "intransigence and prevarica-tion" of the South African-led

Throughout the conference and the West changed their Swapo has said it is ready to attitudes (AP reports from Cape sign a ceasefire agreement and Town). go shead with the semiement

At a basilly convened press conference tonight, Mr. Brian Urquhart, the conference chairman, tried to salvage a few constructive points from the week-long talks. He pointed to the use of the word "premature" by Mr Hough which indicated that agreement on a date for implementation could still be reached.

It was now up to the various revived.

participants to reflect on what had been discussed and to work out how to proceed from here. Reaction from the Western

and African observer teams to the refusal of the South African-led delegation to agree to a ceasefire date ranged from despondency to open hostility

One United Nations official said that Mr Mudge's speech, which opened up a Pandora's box of new demands and conditions, marked the end of the Road for the present Western-initiated negotiations, which have been going on for almost four years.

Despite all the expre anger and despair, Mr Mudge pronounced the conference to have been a success because it had provided the internal parties with their first oppor-tunity to put their case directly before the United Nations. He was hopeful a solution, along the lines of the settlement plan, could still be found. Mr Mudge said it would take

time before the internal parties could gain confidence in the United Nation's ability to act as an impartial supervisor of elections in the territory.

" It is for the United Nations not only to abandon its old ways but to demonstrate over a reasonable period of time that it can and will consistently behave even bandedly."

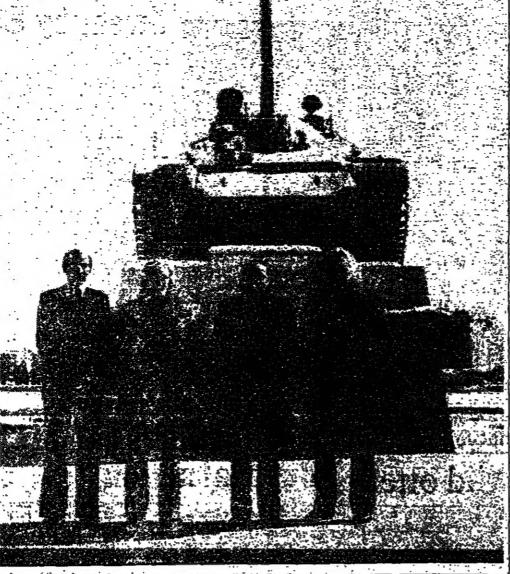
Mr Mudge did not spell out how long be considered a reasonable period of time to be. The conference is not due to end until tomprow, but after today's developments there is little more it can be expected to achieve. Swapo will deliver its statement tomorrow

Mowever, Mr Gurirab said Pretoria reaction: Mr R. F. Swapo would continue to sup. Boths. the South African port the settlement plan and to Foreign Minister, said today cooperate with Dr Kurr Wald that he considered the change for the United Nations See cooperate with Dr Kurr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, in attempting to
achieve its implementation.

Zero unless the United Nations
Theoretics.

> "I have warned the United Nations and I have warned several foreign ministers of various European governments that they should ... halt the favouritism and bias in favour of Swapo immediately", he

> Mr Botha said the South African Government would study the reports of the Geneva proceedings before deciding whether the talks could be



Two of the three Labour MPs who visited Afghanistan earlier this month pose in front of a Russian tank in Kabul with two Afghan officials. The tank is said to have spearheaded the Russian invasion last year and is now on display in the capital. The visit by Mr Ronald Brown (second left),

Jerusalem, Jan 13

Mr Abba Eban, the Opposition Labour politician widely expected to become the next Israell Foreign Minister, launched a bitter attack today against the European Constnunity's proposed Middle East peace initiative and on Britain's role in promoting it.

In Western diplomatic circles.

Mr Eban's sharply critical re-marks were taken as evidence that the EEC can expect no

more sympathy for it's separate

peacemaking efforts from a future Labour administration than it has so far received from

Mr Begin's right-wing coalition. Mr Eban, who is regarded as

one of Israel's most moderate and articulate statesmen, chose to launch his attack at a time

election fever-political com-

mentators are predicting an early poll which will sweep Labour back to power.

Carrington peace tour

scorned by Mr Eban

Mr Robert Litherland (right), and Mr Alan Roberts was criticized by Mrs Thatcher in the Commons yesterday. She said it offered "aid and comfort to the occupiers". The MPs denied that their visit had been exploited for propaganda.

MPs denial, page 5

because it placed too great an emphasis on the possibility of total Israeli withdrawal from

In a sarcastic reference to the present Middle East tour of

Secretary, Mr Eban declared: "If I went from one airport to

another talking about the need

solution of the Irish problem, I would be taken just about as

seriously as most Israelis take the advice to associate the PLO with the Middle East negotia-tions."

Questioned by British reporters, Mr Eban flatly dis-

the occupied territories.

Mr Gundelach's death Secrecy and upsets balance of **European Commission**

Strashourg, Jan 13

A shocked European Parlia ment case to its feet bere today for observe a minute's glience after learning of the stidden death of Mr Finn Olav Gamdelach, the Danish Commissioner for Agriculture and Fisheries, who was 55.

He was taken to hospital last night after a heart attack at his morbing.

Strasbourg horel, and died this morning.

In a tribute, Mme Simone Veil, the President of the Parliament, expressed the House's "feeling of very profound sadness." Mr Gundelach, she said, had been an "indefatigable worker for Europe, progress, and justice." He had literally "killed bimself in this task?" Sir Henry Plumb, member of the British Conservative group, and charman of the agriculture committee, which had been fine to meet Mr Gundelach today to discuss this year's EEC farm price review, praised the Danish Commissioner's "sotal dedication to the cause of agriculture in the EEC."

The death of Mr Gundelach is a severe blow to Mr Gaston Thorn, the former Luxembourg-Prime, Minister, at the part of the parliament that he had been "absolutely overwhelmed" by the news.

the news.

The Commission's annual negotiations with member states on farm prices are due to begin in a month, and in June the Commission is no produce proposals for reform of the EEC budgetary system, in which agriculture plays a central role. Later this meath, the Commission will be called upon to resume its delicate task as mediator in the difficult and highly technical negotiations as a new EEC fisheries policy, which broke down last month because of differences between Britain and France.

Mr Gundelach had been incharge of agriculture and fisheries policy since 1977 and had acquired a widely respected mestery of a natoriously complex subject.

Prison dispute to

Prison officery leaders agreed to recommend a return to normal work from Sanday in response to Mr William Whitelaw's after of a phased

officers to consider officers at a Home Office peace package. After industrial action lasting three months the officers have

failed to obtain arbitration over meal break payments. Page 2

strike threat

Workers at Brirish Airways, which is to reduce some Buro-

pean fares as part of its plan to return to profitability, voted in favour of a one-day strike. They are dissatisfied with a proposal

to defer an 8 per cent pay rise until after the end of the fin-ancial year. Page 2

Seamen's strike: Critical stage

Seamen's strike: Critical stage reached as rank-and-file leaders decide today whether to reject the shipowners' 12 per cent. "final" offer 2.

Poland: Threat of selective strikes looms while the Government warms the nation of the effect of labour unrest on the economy.

Canada: The Government introduces wide-ranging amendments.

duces wide ranging amendments to its constitutional reform package to overcome criticism 5

Migeria: The main opposition party is accused of planning subversion.

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pointments, pages 16, 22; La crème de la crème, 3; 10, 16; Personal, 22, 24; Residental property, 22

end on Sunday

Although a staunch defender of the basic principles of the common agricultural policy, he understood better than previous occupants of the post the need to make the policy structive to consumers as well as to farmers. He argued the case, for reform and limiting the unconditional price guarantees enjoyed by the EEC's eight million farmers.

Mr Thorn and his colleagues are to consider how to replace Mr Gundelach, at their weekly meeting here tomerrow. Although Copenhagen will, such matically be entitled to nominate another Dane in his place, it is by no means certain that it will be able to keep hold of the agriculture pontiolio.

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the agriculture portfolio.

It was always intended that, after a transitional period, Mr. Gundelach should hand over the fisheries part of the agriculture portfolio to Mr. George Kontogeorgist the new Greek Commissioner, who may new he plunged in a the deep and

political role denied by Opus Dei

By Clifford Long Religious Affaics

Correspondent

The headquarters of Opus Delin Britain has issued a statement affirming its loyalty to
the Pope and the bishops of
the Roman Catholic Church,
and criticizing The Times for
not contacting it during the
course of an investigation of

which were published an any way day.

Opins Del "is not in any way seeking a unique of privileged position, in the church," the sustement declared. It was not involved in political or business affairs, and secrety was abhortent to it. The main aim of members "is to love God to the minost of their ability" and "to draw everyone who comes to them closer to God whether or not they are called by God to Opin Dei.

The statement in full reads:

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missed suggestions that Lord Addressing the Foreign Press Association, Mr Eban claimed Carrington's current talks in Egypt had demonstrated growthat the European plan under-mined both Israel's position and ing Egyptian support for the Continued on page 5, col 4 United Nations Resolution 242.

Parliamentary Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher reacted indignantly in the Commons yesterday to the sugges-tion by Mr Michael Foot, Opposition leader, that she was the leader of the government leakers over the disclosure in some morning newspapers that there would be no increases in personal income tax rates in the next Budget.

magnificently at the outragethe marter had come from her. After all, as Mr Foot soon discovered, you can accuse a gov-crament of criminal intentions but to suggest that a minister can loak a government secret goes well beyond the pale. Had not Mr Norman St John-Stevas, only just relegated to the back benches, come close to enoplaxy at the suggestion that statement?

The was dismissed from the Mrs Thatcher assumed the nothing had been decided.

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cade: bf the government eakers over the disclosure in come morning newspapers that the rewould be no increases in personal income tax rates in the next Budget.

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Mr Foot started off innocutions and she refused to say yes and she refused to the prime of the prime.

Mrs Thatcher stonewalls on leak accusation to wag too freely? Mrs out by a particularly precosious that whatever else Mr St John-Stevas may have been guilty of, in the gloomy outback of the Tory back benches, the aristocratic shape of the flower outback of the Leader of the House could be follow almost automatically.

ously enough. Would the Prime say no.

Minister care to give some help about certain matters for which she was responsible, he inquired.

Mr Foot started off innoca say no.

Perhaps, he suggested, it was the right honourable lady herself who was the leader of the seif who was the leader of the leakers. She was the one who teld the world about the wers and about their per-formances in Cabiner. What the Opposition wanted to know was whether the wets were now winning and whose side they

were on.

The situation was clearly getting much too involved for the forme tax leak was rapidly turning into an encontrollable flood. As she sank gracefully beneath the maters, the Prime Minister's last words to Mr Foot declared that the Government was win-

she was responsible, he inquired.

What about the latest batch
of Cabinet leakages and the
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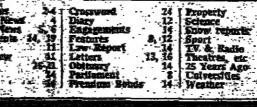
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Army link seen

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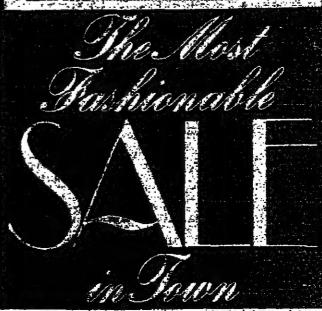
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Parties join in a demand for right to information

The Government will be faced his week by an allogary back-cord attempt to wrest more in amount on from Whitehall to urther the work of the 14 Commons select committees costabished 18 months ago, shortly fee the Thancher Administration took office.

Mr Francis Pym, appointed seader of the House in the frime Minister's rechardle seader of the House in the frime Minister's rechardle set week, as one of his first cts as chairman of the abinet's OL, or Queen's necessary and a chairman of the subject and the committee structure. If Mr Price's motion succeed, and Legislation Committee structure. If Mr Price's motion succeed, and Legislation Committee in the subject of the House in the formation in the cabinet's OL, or Queen's necessary and patients. If Mr Price's motion succeeds against mittee on Procedure in more whether the inve should be resisted, considered by the Government had only issued an one-line whip to its supporters. For Fielday's debate, but its eweventy could be increased if the power of select committees severity could be increased if the power of select committees is already to great discussion that the power of select committees is already to great the power of select committees. Townittees is already to great the power of select committees is already to great the power of select committees is already to great the power of select committees is already to great the power of select committees. Townittees is already to great the great power of the Commons to kill the price reform.

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MP alleges threat by chairman the occupied territories. He claimed that the EEC's Verice document did not take account of the integral relationship of Israeli Palestinian, and Jordanian problems, and he said it granted the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) access to the peace process without extracing any "ideological or rhetorical concessions."

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tinued to criticize the corpora-tion in the House. Mrs will Forties field debate a motion that the matter should be referred to the British Petroleum's revised. Committee of Privileges. Mr estimates of the North Sea oil campbell Sarours said Mr. Mar. Gregor had made the threat at a meeting with him in Decem- of 200 million barrels, raking the total to 2,000 million barrels.

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Iranian Bills on

hostages delayed

Efforts to rush two Bills on the
American hostages through the
Mailis (the Iranian Parliament)
were stailed for at least 24
hours because only eight of the
nine members of the Council of
Guardians who have to attend Guardians who have to attend for urgent legislation were present. The delay was de-scribed as technical, not inten-tional Page 5

The trial of two soldiers facing murder charges was halted and adjourned until today after the judge at Belfast Crown Court was told one of them had completely broken down and was in a state of hysteria. Page 3

in China blasts

Terrorist incidents reported in several parts of China may be linked to the delay in passing sentence on Mao's widow, Army

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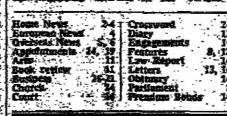
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PC tells of Iranian tied to pillar and shots

Crime Reporter Police Constable Police Constable Trevor Lock, who was held captive in the Iranian Embassy siege in London, told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yester-day how he described to fellow day how he described to remove officers by telephone preparations by the terrorists to kill the first of their hostages.

Giving evidence in the trial of Fawzi Nejad, said to be the only surviving terrorist. PC

only surviving terrorist. PC Lock said he was told by Salim, the leader of the terrorist group: Tell them Lock said he was fold by Salim, the leader of the terrorist group: "Tell them outside we are going to kill a hostage." He said be saw Mr Abbas Labasani, the embassy press attaché, tied to the pillar of a staircase and blinfolded. He continued: "I said to the people outside "They are definitely going to kill this man." The man outside said: "Say something, don't let them 'Say something, don't let them kill him.". I said the first thing

been wairing long enough." He hostages were killed in pursu-heard Mr Labasani say he was ance of that plot, then anyone not afraid to die. There was a who plotted in that way was shot, then a groan, followed by guilty of murder whether or not

two more shots. Later he saw what he took to be a body wrapped in a carpet. Mr Labasani was killed on the sixth day of the siege last

May.

Mr Nejad, aged 23, from
Basra, Iraq, pleaded not guilty
to Mr Labasani's murder and
the murder of Mr Ali Akbar Samadzadeh, a student work-ing part-time at the embassy, a few hours before the siege

Asked how he pleaded to the first murder charge, Mr Nejad told Mr Justice Park.: "It was not me, sir." He made the rest of his replies through an interpreter and pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to murder unlawfully imprisoning PC Lock and a firearms

charge. Mr Kenneth Richardson, QC, for the prosecution, said con-sideration had been given to accepting the pleas by Mr Nejad but it had been decided that came ino my head. 'Get in Nejad but it had been decided touch with the Foreign Office'".

Nejad but it had been decided to go forward with a trial.

The trial was not superfluous.

PC Lock said he tried to beg he said. When terrorists plotted for the life of the Iranian but to kill their hostages unless cersalim told him: "We have tain demands were met, and tain demands were met, and hostages were killed in pursuMr Richardson said Mr Nejad

was the sole survivor of the terrorists: Some of the others, he added, "appear to have deliberately chosen martyrdom". According to one witness, when the SAS attacked the embassy some of the occupants threw their guns out of the window, knelt down and emptied their

pockets of bullets.

Mr Richardson said that according to the witness the soldiers entered the room, took them ". Two terrorists were killed in

one room and enother in another room after he had escaped. Mr Nejad got out of the building with the hostages and was then identified.

Afterwards Mr Nejad told the police the plan to capture the embassy was made in Iraq. where a number of exiles from the Khuzestan region of Iran had gone. He had said: "One of the high-ranking government officials in Iraq said the group of six had been chosen for England because England had com-

lete freedom and would under-

he fired the fatal shots or was stand the case of the exiles Counsel said Mr Nejad rold It was not suggested that Mr the police that the plan was to Nejad fired the gun or was set a 24-hour deadline for the present at the second murder. release of prisoners in Iran. If release of prisoners in Iran. If nothing happened that would be extended by two hours and then a hostage would be killed; then more at intervals until the Arab ambassadors the terrorists wanted to see arrived and an air-craft for both terrorists and hostages was arranged. The hostages was arranged. The

humane reasons.

The siege began shortly after
11 am on April 30 as PC Lock
was having a cup of coffee in
the porch of the embassy. PC
Lock described by Mr Richard son as showing coolness and resourcefulness throughout the siege, said he saw a man outside he took to be an Iranian student. The man, the No 2 in the ter-

rorist group, called Faisal, pulled our a machine pistol. PC Lock said he pushed him away and closed the front porch door. Others joined the man and there was firing. He felt a pane of glass on his face and he was pushed back as the men rushed in firing.
PC Lock added that after the

hostages were rounded up the terrorists failed to find his The trial continues today.



PC Trevor Lock after the hearing yesterday.

revolver. For the whole of the siege he kept it hidden under

The hostages were guarded when they went to the lavatory, and because of the risk that they would find the gun if he undressed, he said, he are very little to prevent too much body

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Prison officers' leaders have

agreed to suspend their mem-bers' industrial action and

resume normal work from mid-

night on Saturday. After three months Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, has thus

achieved his object without giving in to their main demands.

The officers have failed to obtain arbitration on a demand

for back payments for meal breaks for those who have not so far obtained them, about

half the strength of the service. The breaks were taken because

The back poyments, if granted, would have cost the Government between £5m and

The officers have got the

equivalent of 7.5 per cent on their basic pay if they accept the deal, which Mr Whitelaw has insisted is the way forward

to a better duty system. From now on meal breaks are to be

paid for, as part of a 42-hour gross working week. There is to be a three-hour reduction in the net working week.

The officers have yet to

approve the deal. Mr Colin Steel, chairman of the Prison

Officers' Association, said yesterday that the indication

rom many branches was that referendure should be held

after members had digested the

details of the new system.

They are likely to settle, if

of a need to do extra duty.

MPs to debate alleged | Strike looms threat by BSC chief

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

Allegations that Mr Ian Mac-Gregor, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, threatened to end investment in a Labour MP's constituency if he continuing criticizing the corporation in Parliament are to be debated in the Commons today.

The complaint was lodged yesterday by Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, MP for Workington, and the Speaker ruled that it should be given precedence over other Commons business. The debate will be on a motion that the matter should be referred to the House of Commons Committee of Privileges. The Speaker, Mr George Thomas, told the Commons: "I have received a letter from Mr

Campbell-Savours on a question of privilege. He alleges that at a meeting he had with the chairman of the British Steel Corporation in British Steel Corporation in December last year Mr MacGregor informed him that, if he persisted in making criticizms and attacks on the corporation in Parliament, further investment in Working-ton would be ended."

Times yesterday, Mr Whitelaw

has removed two of the pain objections to the deal which

prevented its acceptance at a

special delegate conference of

the association before Christ-

Those are that all members

should have a chance to con-sider the offer and that the

return of 500 prisoners held in

other accommodation should be

cers have refused to accept more inmates than prisons are

officially supposed to hold.
Misgivings remain about the

details of the new duty system, mainly that it provides little

cover in the evenings at top

security prisons.

A big advantage of the new

system is that it does away with the shift systems, which have grown increasingly complicated

and difficult to understand. Differences of opinion about

interpretation of agreements

that one of the worst features of the system, the amount of overtime required, is being reformed.

No officers will be recruited

There is no sign yer, though,

led to the dispute.

During the dispute the offi-

Prison officers call off

industrial action

am satisfied that precedence ought to be given. I therefore give precedence over orders of the day tomorrow to a motion relating to Mr Campbell-Savours's complaint."

Mr Campbell-Savours said last night that over the last four months and some time before the announcement by BSC of its corporate plan for the indus-

"Such information that have been given has been of

MacGregor and arising our of that meeting I made represen-tations to the Speaker." that the House or

announces fares cut By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent British Airways is to reduc some European fares b between £19 and £40 from Apr 1 as part of its plan to retur to profitability. But at the same try he had sought information relating to the operations.

verbal (sic) nature and clearly inadequate if I am to be ablo to present a reasoned case on behalf of my constituents to the House.
"On December 18 I met Mr

MacGregor cooperation: Mr MacGregor said yesterday: "I am perfectly prepared to en-Committee of Privileges is fully ing with Mr Campbell-Savours" (Our Business News Staff writes).

Critical day

by seamen

to reject the employers' " final'

accepted or put out to a ballot of the 29,000 ratings with a

recommendation to accept.
Union officials last night con-

fidently predicted that the 13-

member lay executive would back the judgment of their three national officers and re-

ject the employers' latest offer and the ultimatum attached

to it. Officials claimed last night

that 101 ships in United King-

dom ports were yesterday affected by the industrial action

Return at Dover: Thirty-seven ships, five fewer than on the

and 81 across the world.

in strike

time as the announcement ye terday, a mass meeting of B workers voted for a one-di-strike on Friday next week. The workers are dissatisfie with a proposal to defer a pa rise of 8 per cent until after the end of the financial year c March 31, BA wants the defe ment to stem the drain on i working funds. It is to too t those with loans totalling £85 which were sanctioned by the

as BA

Government on Monday. BA is expected to make a lo of £100m this financial year a result of the world airling recession, even after introdu ing stringent economies.

Details of the proposed facuts are to be settled short! But they will probably result a £276 Eurobudget return fa and an excursion return f compared with the prese economy return of £325; and £269 Eurobudget return and excursion return of £118 on t London-Rome route, compar with the present econor return of £289.

First-class seats will be will drawn on both routes and w be replaced by club class, wi return fares of [351 and [3]

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor The merchant shipping strike respectively. moves into a critical stage BA expects about a doz other European airlines to f today as rank and file leaders of the National Union of Sealow its lead on April 1 in wit men decide whether to endorse drawing first-class travel Europe. The scheme was into their national officials' decision duced experimentally last Ap 12 per cent pay offer. Shipowners insisted last night on the London Paris route, a the airline said yesterday th that the wage package would be withdrawn at midnight tonight if it had not been it had gained on addition £1.5m as a result.

Five European airlines has however, declined to accept ti EA plan. They are Swissz Lufthansa, Iberia (of Spain Austrian and Olympic (Greece).

Referring to the strike a yesterday. BA said: "We canot accept that the majority our staff are willing to wors. our critical financial situati at the behest of the minori who voted today. We rema confident that continuing tal with the trade unions w resolve the problem in go

The Government of Victor. Australia, said yesterday that is to apply to the British Civ Aviation Authority for approv for low-cost charter flights fro Britain to Melbourne.

Victoria, said the submissi would emphasize an untapp market of people who could i would be prepared to fly low-cost tickets.

Chemicals blamed for wiping out one of Britain's largest mammals

Legal curbs may be too late to save wild otter

Agriculture Correspondent Surveys published yesterday suggest that legal protection may have come too late to save the wild otter from extinction in most of England.

Idvestigators who spent two years compiling the most comprehensive otter survey under-taken in Britain found no signs of the animal in waterways where it was common 25 years

The search lasted from 1977 The search lasted from 1977 to 1979 and showed that otters had steadily been driven towards coastlines. They were found to be prolific in the Western Isles of Scotland and absent from the Thames and all of its tributaries.

The decline of the British otter is blamed mainly on chemicals used for seed dressings

micals used for seed dressings and sheep dips in the 1960s but no longer used. The chemicals were found to have poisoned fish and birds and the animals like otters and foxes which eat

The otter is one of the largest and most intelligent of British mammals, reaching a length of up to four feet from nose to

the tip of the tail. Its speed, grace and playful nature have made it the hero of several well-known books and films. The otter now has a firm place in the affections of a vast urban populace, which is almost certain never to see one of the animals alive outside a 200.
The Government's Wildlife

and Countryside Bill, published last November, will extend to Scotland the legal protection for otters that has applied in England and Wales for more than

Captain John Bell Irving, president of the Masters of Otterhounds Association, said yesterday that otter-bunting had now ceased in Great Britain. He is master of the Dumfriesshire Otterhounds, the last

active pack in the country.

He looked forward without relish to pursuing mink instead

Buckinghamshire otter hunt in progress. In Britain such

animals, they do not travel such distances during a night's fishing. When you have a river bank that has been built up you find that when mink get in between the stones you cannot get terriers in to bolt

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The surveys published yes-

of otter. The North American mink is firmly established in rarlies as the dolphin, the many of the British waterways traditionally frequented by "It is not such a good not lawfully be "killed, injured quarry", Captain Bell Irving said. "Being very much smaller The surveys published yes-

terday are based on evidence from more than 7,000 sites. The otters are seldom glimpsed by human observers. They bunt

The most convincing daytime evidence of otters consists of their droppings, which they scatter liberally. Tracks are sometimes seen in mud and snow. Nearly 3.000 English sites were examined between 1977 and 1979, and evidence of otters was found in only 170 of them.

Scottish and English surveys were worried by the presence of many small and vulnerable colonies of otters.

The authors of the English report said: "These small populations may not be viable, and may disappear one by one." The It is clear that the otter population of Lothian region is now close to extinction.

close to exhaction."
Otter Survey of England (Nature Conservancy Council. Attingham Park, Shrewsbury, £1.35); Otter Survey of Scotland (Vincent Wildlife Trust, 21 Bury Street, London, EC3, £2).

acquittals are wrong

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

The errors meant that published statistics which had indicated that acquittal rates at magistrates' courts did not differ much from those at crown courts "can no longer be regarded as valid". Mr White-

law said.

The 1979 criminal statistics, based on information reported to the Home Office by the courts, showed that the acquittal rate in four magistrates' courts was 55 per cent. The correct acquittal rate was about 25 per cent. The errors arose because of

It is impossible to say whether correct statistics would

to obtain retrospectively com-prehensive and accurate infor-mation would require a large-scale exercise for which resources are not available. He is considering how best to provide details of acquittal rates in In the meantime, one of the

most telling statistics purporting to dispel the conventionally held belief that a defendant has a better chance of acquittal by a jury than by magistrates is now provenly unreliable.

hone, the Lord Chancellor, has to been using these figures to try
to ease the pressure on crown
courts by persuading more
defendants to be tried in the lower courts,

strike's first day, were held up on the second day, the ship-owners claimed yesterday above the ceiling of 16,965, which has been reached. The (our Shipping Corresponden officers, however, say there is writes). That was mainly because 15 Mr Dick Hamer, Premier a squeeze on the service. Dover ferries returned to work There were allegations yesterafter their 24-hour stoppage

day that tobacco could be had on the black market at £2 an The figure is expected to rise again today when Portsmouth, Southampton and Weymouth ounce, and whisky at £15 a bottle, at the Army prison

afford the present fares t

Home Office statistics about acquittal rates in the criminal courts were wrongly compiled, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, has admitted in a House of Commons written reply.

faulty reporting of pleas in the courts, in both magistrates' and crown courts. The errors were discovered when a researcher for the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure found that her figures did not match those reported to the Home Office.

whether correct statistics would show that acquittal rates in magistrates' courts were higher than in the crown courts or vice versa. Mr Whitelaw has decided that

Lord Hailsham of St Maryle-

A deep depression to N of Scotland with associated from 1 Scotland with associated frontal troughs is moving SE over Britain.

Statistics on | Liberal plan social democratic, MP says Steel was joining the Labour initiative in sending his stat social democrats, rather than ment to 400 MPs is provoki:

Political Editor

The first Labour MP to reply in twiting to the 10-point economic recovery programme published by Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, yesterday well-comed it as being "almost entirely a social democratic people at this difficult time and still be resided that the programme."

programme. Said democratic people at this official that his said he restized that his said he restized that his for Teesside, Thornaby, a former junior frontbench spokesman, who is seen as a potential member of a hrackway Labour faction, said that any Labour faction, said that any creservations he had did not relate to the objectives with

the other way round."

said he realized that his party had long since abandoned the old Liberal principles of laisser

He added: "Naturally, I am delighted if this means the Liberal Party is now fully in the

His approach is not to se a party merger but an assoc

tion, eventually an electi arrangement, with other poli cians of the centre. Another Labour moders
Mr Michael English, MP f
Nottingham, Wes, welcomed t
proposal for electing the Lor

by proportional representation But he wanted elucidation : incomes policy and whether should be enforced. "Should be made by Parliament, the Government, the CBI, the TL or lower down by managemen

Statement from Opus Dei answers critics

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closer to God whether or not they are called by God to Opus Dei. Opus Dei is in no way involved in political or business affairs, whether in Spain or anywhere else. Secrecy is abhorrent to Opus Dei. Anyone who wishes to find out about its activities has only to ask. In an article which claims to be a "detailed investigation" of Opus Dei relying on "many sources and papers", it is curious to note that a newspaper like The Times should not consider Opus Dei itself as a suitable source, since neither of the authors approached us for information.

The statement contains answers to several of the criticisms of Opus Dei which were reported in the course of the original article in The Times: that it is a "church within e-church"; that it is pursuing its own ends; that it is seeking to increase its influence and prestige in the Roman Catholic Church; that it has had con-siderable influence in political and business circles, particu-larly in Spain; and that it is

secretive.
The arricle quoted Opus Dei material to the effect that there was a characteristic teaching in the organization of "filiation", the organization of "filiation", by which it was said members of Opus Dei had been incorporated into "the true earthly family" of the founder, who became their "father". The statement in response asserts that filiation "is the joyous awareness that one is rehild awareness that one is a child of God, who is our Father", an implicit repudiation of the teaching attributed to Opus Dei in the article.

Doubts about the orthodoxy of the doctrine of "filiation to the father", that is, to the founder, had been raised by several theological authorities consulted by The Times. awareness that one is a child

Light plane destroyed Detectives believe a fire which destroyed a twin-engine Piper Aztec aircraft, valued at £20,000, at Exeter airport yester-

day was caused by arson.

Majority vote for Ford pay offer at nine more plants By David Felton back plans outlined by Mr Ferdinand Beickler, the Vaux-hall president and managing

Labour Reporter

More workers vesterday registered votes in favour of Ford's 9.5 per cent pay offer, and it became clear last night that there would be an overall majority of the 57,000 manual workforce for acceptance. Wider difficulties facing the

motor industry are likely to be brought into sharp relief to-day, when Vauxhall Motors is expected to announce a large redundancy programme.

Luton, Dunstable and Ellesmere Port are due to meet senior executives at Luton to hear cut-

328-year-old almshouses are demolished By John Witherow

Seventeenth-century houses close to the village of Denton, in Lincolnshire, which had been listed as grade 2 by the Department of the Environment, have been demolished. The planning committee of South Kesteren District Council, which decided last month to order the owners, the Welby Estate, to renovate the building, which had fallen into a state of disrepair during the past 20 years, is to meet on January 22

to decide what action to take over the demolition. According to Save Britain's Heritage, there had been a long history of attempts to save the building, which was described as having unusual architectural details, such as buil's-eye windows, Dutch gables and a large chimney stack. chimney stack.

The almshouses were built in 1653.

After yesterday's votes at a further nine - Ford plants, meetings covering more than 20,000 employees have now

voted for acceptance of the company's offer. The night shifts at the Dagenham body and assembly plants,

which together employ more than 4,000 workers, early vesterday voted overwhelmingly in favour of the offer and the night shifts at Enfield, Belfast and Dunton followed. There were further "yes" votes yesterday at Langley, Berkshire, Aveley, Essex, and Woolwich, London.

The 12,000 workers at the usually militant Holewood plant, on Merseyside, are not due to such fortunate fi start meeting until Saturday. stances in 1981.

Labour MP jibes at Mr Jenkins over EEC salary By Our Political Staff

In a Commons jibe at Mr Roy Jenkins, the former President of the EEC Commission, a Labour backbencher has called on him to pay back to the funds of his old party at least half of the estimated £150,000 he earned in his four-year term in Brussels. Mr Arthur Lewis, MP for Newbarn. North west, observed in an early-day motion that the reported sum was " not too bad

claims himself in favour of an incomes policy for others but not for himself "... Mr Lewis contended that is was the Labour Party which had enabled Mr Jenkins to be in such fortunate financial circum-

for a person who loudly pro-

Ambulance strike is over From Ronald Kershaw ... Rotherham

The strike of nearly 400 South Yorkshire ambulance men has ended. A meeting yesterday decided to resume work from 10 pm last night.
The dispute was about the ending of a bonus scheme which had been in operation since 1975. The National Union of Public Employees, one of the principal unions involved, said

tute and the Outer Circle Policy Unit say the Bill does not con-form with the European Con-vention on Human Rights, or

give effect to the decision of

it had been agreed that a 20 per cent interim bonus payment would be made pending the settlement of a new scheme. A joint approach was to be undertaken to explain the proposals of the Trent Regional Health Authority to ambulance

The union said it was not expected that a normal outpatient service would be re-sumed until tomorrow.

Contempt Bill lacks balance, groups say By Our Legal Correspondent the European Court of Human Two bodies have in separate memoranda strongly criticized the Government's Contempt Bill, which reaches the commit-tee stage in the House of Lords The International Press Insti-

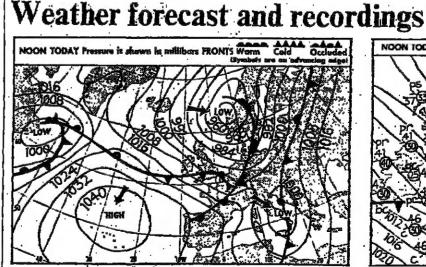
Rights in The Sunday Times thalidomide case.

The institute's report says the Bill could impose serious new restrictions on the press. Both organizations comment that the Bill has destroyed the careful balance between fair trial and free press struck by

only when a publication has caused a "serious and imme-diate risk" of prejudice in a particular case and that the Attorney General's consent should be sought before any action.

There should be a defence that all reasonable and practical care was taken by those in-volved to ensure that the pubthe Phillimore committee. volved to ensure that the pub-The institute believes that lication did not create a serious contempt proceedings should lie and immediate risk.

relate to the objectives, with Mr Steel will hardly welcome which he agreed. However, his such point scoring, however suggestion was more that Mr much he is delighted that his



over hills; wind W, strong to Today gale, locally severe gale; max temp 8°C (46°F). Channel islands; Mainly cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, bill fog; Moon sets : Moon rises : Full Moon: January 20.
Lighting up: 4.49 pm to 7.30 am.
High water: Loudon Bridge, 7.16
am, 6.4m: 8.12 pm, 6.2m: Avonmouth, 12.25 am, 10.9m; 1.2 pm,
10.9m; Dover, 4.37 am, 6.0m; 5.19
pm, 5.7m; Hull, 12.21 pm, 6.4m;
Liverpool, 5.0 am, 7.9m; 5.27 pm,
8.2m. wind W, strong to gale, max temp 10°C (50°F). SW England, S Wales: Cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, bill fog. clearer later with showers; wind W. strong to gale; max temp 10°C (50°F). Isle of Man, Borders, Eilinburgh and Dundlee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain, heavy in places, hill fog, becoming brighter with showers, wintry in places later; wind W, strong to gale, locally severe gale; max temp & C (46°F).

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
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Cloudy, rain at times, hill fog,
brighter later with showers, wintry

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cold and windy with sumy intervals and winty showers, some moderate snowfall WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: C, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; si, sleer; sn, snow.



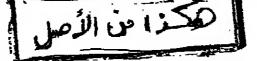
Moray Firth, NE and NW Scat-land, Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals and showers, becoming heavy and wintry at times, moder-ate falls of snow later with drift-ing: wind W, strong to gale, locally severe gale; max temp 6°C (43°F).

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Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4°C (39°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -1°C (30°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 6 6 pm. a trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 1.020.9 millibars, failing. 1000 millibars, 29 Sin. 6 pm, 1.020.9 mtllibars, ta 1,000 millibars=29.53in.,





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The trial at Belfast Crown and Sutherland Highlanders, Court of two soldiers facing murder charges was halted yesterday because one of them was too ill to appear in court. Staff Sergeant Stanley Hathaway, aged 36, had completely broken down and was in a state of hysteria, Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, his counsel, said. s the annual trans

After a delay of 50 manual agreed on Fridge new to adjourn the trial until this on Fride next morning.

proposal to dela Mr Ferguson said Sergeam R per teri dela Hathaway had been examined by his psychiatrist and one on behalf of the Crown. He added: 51. EA is in the drain g funds. It is in a the two medical experts that he were sacround ment on some ment on senda is not, ar this moment, fit to continue with his trial. It is hoped and anticipated that he will be in a position to continue the trial tomorrow morning."

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In brief Eurobulget reign excursion reign the London-Main Mr Nott tours west Belfast Mr John Nott, Secretary of

arobudget return of file State for Defence, was briefed in Belfast yesterday by Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Lawson, the GoC and other senior officers, including Brigadier Anthony Crowfoot, the Belfast

commander. He toured west Belfast in a normal looking but armoured car and fended off questions of defence policy on the ground that he was too new in the job. Store asks Christmas

The restains shoppers to pay again

Debenhams store in Southampron is asking everyone who paid for goods in the Christmas period by credit card or cheque to pay again because £50,000 of documents were stolen in an armed robbery. Fire deaths rise

The number of deaths from

fires in the United Kingdom in 1979 was 1,096, a rise of 16 per cent and the highest figure since records of fires attended by local authority brigades were started in 1947.

in the re-Sale shoppers warned Palacings

The police warned shoppers at sales in London stores yesterday to look out for pickpockets.
On Saturday the first day of the Harrods sale, nine people were arrested accused of picking pockets.

Equity fee talks

Pay talks between the BBC and Equity, the actors' union, are to be resumed in London tomorrow. The union has threatened to take industrial action if the BRC does not improve its Policy of the early by the offer of an 8 per cent increase

> Ovett help for disabled Steve Ovett, the Olympic gold.

medallist, yesterday helped to launch a guide book listing places with easy access for the disabled at a ceremony in

Solicitor on 21 charges Mr Brian Rowe, a solicitor, agel 49, of New Road, Hasling-field, Cambridgesbire, pleaded not guilty at St Albans Crown Court yesterday to 21 charges of false accounting. The trial

continues today. Lord Denning ill

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, aged 81, was taken ill with a slight fever yesterday and was unable to preside in the Court of Appeal. He spent the day at home.

Lancia cuts prices

Lancia, the Italian car company is to reduce prices of most models sold in Britain by an average of 5.9 per cent from

Mr Anthony Shrimsley, the editor-in-chief of Now! magazine, yesterday, declined to meet the journalists who are concerned about "undue proprietorial interference" in editorial matters.

About 30 of the staff reques-

ted the meeting after this week's issue was withheld from

sale in Europe because an

article about President Giscard

d'Estaing offended Sir James Goldsmith, the magazine's

Mr Shrimsley, who returned

on withholding of 'Now!'

Judge adjourns trial of MPs refuse soldiers as one to promote to promote abortion law

have pleaded not guilty to mur-dering Mr Michael Naan, aged

31, and Mr Andrew Morray, aged 24, a labourer. The two

men were found stabbed a total of 30 times at Mr Naan's farm near Newtownburler, co Fer-

Iain Chestnut, aged 32, once a lance-corporal in The Scottish

regiment, who now works as an oil rig driller in Aberdeen, has

pleaded not guilty to murder-

ing Mr Murray.

He was the only one of the

three accused in the dock when

Mr Ferguson told the Judge of Sergeant Hathaway's break

down. Sergeant Byrne appeared

in court just as the trial was

lics, near the Ulster border eight years ago, did not appear

BL guilty of

in job forms

An industrial tribunal has found British Leyland guilty of

indirect racial discrimination because it insisted that people

applying for labouring jobs filled in application forms in

The case, which was sup-

ported by the Commission for Racial Equality, is the first of

its kind to come before tribunal. The commission said

yesterday that it was pleased about the decision because it

about the becision because it believed many employers imposed an indirect language requirement that kept Indians and Pakistanis out of manual

BL Cars Ltd has underraken

for hourly paid employees. In future it will be possible for others to complete the form for

applicants who have difficulties

When the case came before

a Leeds industrial tribunal last month BL Cars pleaded guilty to indirect racial discrimina-

tion but said it had been unintentional. The company had at first denied discrimina

Mr Kuttan Menon, the legal officer, argued that BL broke section 1(1)(b) of the Race Relations Act, 1976, which says that a person discriminates against another if he applies a

requirement which on the sur-face is not discriminatory but

which affects one racial group

with English.

race bias

By Lucy Hodges

being adjourned.

The campaign for a reform of the Abortion Act, 1967, is virtually at an end in this parliamentary session because none of the MPs who have drawn high places in the ballot for private member's Bills is prepared to promote amending legislation:

Mr Timothy Sainsbury, Con-servative MP for Hove, who has won first place, does not now intend to introduce an "upper time limit" Bill to reduce the statutory time for reminating a pregnancy from 28 to 22 weeks. Instead he will introduce a Bill to curb indecent window displays.

Mr Donald Stewart, Scottish Nationalist MP for the Western Sergeant Hathaway, who denies stabbing Mr Naan and Mr Murray, both Roman Catho-Isles, who supports reform of the abortion law and has drawn second place is instead bringing in a Gaelic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to promote the speaking of Gaelic.

MPs say that one reason why, they are not prepared to bring in an abortion Bill is the strength of opposition in the House, which would be likely to ensure any Bill the same fate as that suffered last year by the Bill promoted by Mr John Corrie. Conservative MP for Ayrshire, North and Bute.

That Bill was finally lost through clumsy handling and lack of Parliamentary time after: extensive debates and numerous amendments had whittled it down to a compromise measure, lowering the upper statutory time limit for terminations from 28 to 24 weeks.

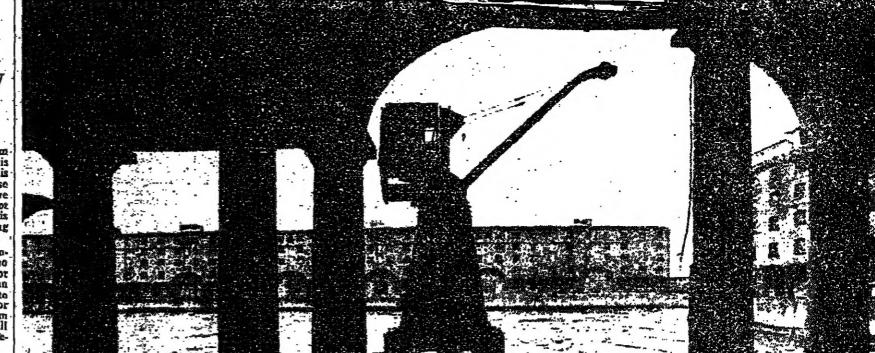
Another limited attempt at lowering the upper time limit, sponsored by Mr David Alton, Liberal MP for Liverpool, Edge Hill, petered out after its sponsors failed to-vote "Aye" in a Commons voice vote. Another reason for MPs'

unwilliagness is that bodies such as the "Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (Spuc) is switching the focus of its attention from a change in the law to ensuring its proper implementation, possibly through the courts.

Mr Sainsbury said: "They are now pressing for implemen-tation of the Infant Life (Pres-ervation) Act, 1929, under which it is an offence to destroy a child capable of being born alive. That could be taken to be a foetus younger than 22 weeks, and therefore an upper limit could be a disadvantage."

There was "fanatical" opposition to any change to the pres-ent Act. "It is clear that any. Bill, however limited its objec-tives, would still take up tre-mendous time in the House and no other private member's Billwould get debated."

Mr Stewart said he had studied certain possible amend-ments to the Act, but felt he disproportionately. The industrial tribunal's unanimous decision, released yes terday, upheld that point. The judgment said that: BL had agreed to amend its application forms and to tell all staff that would be unable to get them through with the present com-position of the House. "I do not believe a reform will be possible until there is a change in the composition of the House." they were not intended as a test of lireracy in English.



The long sweep of the warehouses in the eight-acre Albert Dock complex in Liverpool, which have been described in a local history as Inquiries bring confrontation on Merseyside and a strange alliance in the South-east

Conservationists fight Opponent of motorways backs ministry scheme to fill in dock

From John Chartres

Liverpool
The cight-acre Albert Dock, regarded by many as a monu-ment to Liverpool's more golden past, must be filled in and converted into an "Albert and converted into an Albert Square if between 5,000 and 7,000 new jobs are to be created, it was said at a Liverpool public inquiry yesterday. It is into proposals to convert the 135-year-old dock, in the heart of the Merseyside water-front universely inco 1965 and

front, unused since 1965 and now in an advanced stage of dereliction, into a trade, industry and export centre.

The main point as issue during the inquiry, which may last a fortnight, will be whether the Albert Pock and the advanced to the control of the cont the Albert Dock and the ad-joining 61-acre Salthouse Dock will still contain water.

Many of the objectors, who include the Merseyside Civic Society, the Georgian Group, Save Britain's Heritage, the Victorian Society and Friends of the Maritime Museum, maintain that to fill in the docks would be a desecration. Mr Peter Boydell, QC, repre-

senting Gerald Zisman Associates, proposers of the conversion scheme, maintained that water entered the dock only at certain states of the tide and that for much of the time it was filled with marine coze.

The Zisman scheme has been approved by Liverpool City Council and planning permission has been given. The inquiry is being held because the whole site is listed Grade L as being of historical importance.

on abandoning extension of M23

The Department of Transport and an unlikely ally, Mr John Tyme, the veteran opponent of motorways, will be on the same side for the first rime over the next three weeks at a public inquiry where they will defend the abandonment of the proposed northern extension of the M23.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, au-nounced in May that the project, extending the motorway from Hooley, in Surrey, to Mitcham, in south London, was to be scrapped to bring an end to. years of uncertainty and blight.

The route was approved in 1958 and the department now

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perties it compulsorily pur-The public inquiry opened vesterday at Redhill, Surrey, It is the first of its kind, and is not into the abandonment of the project itself, but into the department's proposal to revoke its statutory authority to pro-

vide a motorway on that route.

More than seventy objectors, many who want the motorway built to relieve congestion on the A23, are to put their case at the inquiry. They include several local councils, the British Airports Authority, which is concerned about access to Gatwick airport, both motoring organizations and the Road Haulage Association.

The decision to scrap the eight-mile extension, which was by the last Labour govern-

ment after the abandonment of the inner London ringway pro-posal. The department now contends that a motorway would be inappropriate because of reduced traffic forecasts and the environmental difficulties it would cause, including the loss of hundreds of homes.

It maintains that uncertainty and blight will persist until it revokes its statutory authority to build on the route. Mr Michael Haward, representing the department, sold yesterday that it was intended to with-draw the motorway scheme from the roads programme Mr Tyme said he would speak at the inquiry against

the objectors
Air Marshal Sir Michael have cost £100m, which was Giddings, the inquiry inspector, have cost £100m, was taken said he would rule today on the last Labour govern the form of the inquiry

1,000 patients in trials of drug that was banned

By Nicholas Timmins

About 1,000 patients around ie world had taken part in clinical trials of the anti-asthma drug. Proxicromil, before the decision to withdraw it on safety grounds, announced on Monday, was made, Fisons, the pharmaceurical manufacturers, said yesterday.

The decision to withdraw the drug, due for full marketing late this year or early next year, was made as a result of long-term toxicity tests in animals. The Decele Quarter discount of the control of for of research and development for Fisons, said. The risk to patients, however, was considered to be very low. Some patients in the trials,

By Cyril Bainbridge
Because of doubts about the future of the National Brass Band Championships, Boosey and Hawkes, the musical instru-United Kingdom, Australia, Hongkong Singapore, Canada and several European countries. and several European countries, had been on the drug for a year, he said, but most had taken it for a shorter time. Dr Quanton said such periods would be unlikely to present much risk. "My concern was ment manufacturers and pub-lishers, have agreed to finance the brass band contest at the Albert Hall, London, on October 3. more with patients who would have four, five or six years of

which have been run in the

Re refused to describe the precise nature of the difficulty,
The Fison share prace timued to tumble yesterday. A further £8m was wiped off the group's market value as the price-slipped 22p; to a new low High research risks, page 17 organized by Band Promotions (A-type influenzas, which cause

The company said yesterday that it was moved by the need to maintain a British musical

ioosey and Hawkes

institution that was the acknowledged leader in that field Mr. W. Martin, a director of his company hed paid out 625,000 in prize money for last year's championships. Since 1977 the contest has been

Two strains identified in winter flu outbreak By a Staff Reporter a more severe illness than B

Britain is suffering a moderate outbreak of influenza, with two different strains about, the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre (CDSC) said yesterday. It is not yet clear how bad this year's outbreak is likely to be.

Laboratory isolations have risen sharply in the past fort-night, but figures collected by the Royal College of General Practitioners from a sample of

Gue is a variant of "red flu ".

which was prevalent between 1947 and 1957, and is mainly affecting those aged under 24, with a number of large out breaks, particularly in boarding schools. The other is a version of the Hongkong strain that first appeared in the late 1960s which is affecting people of all azes.

Figures from the Royal College of General Practitioners thing, a slight decline in the 100,000 suffered influenza or number of people affected. similar illnesses in the week to The centre said yesterday that both strains are variants of 55,000 people were affected that 55,000 people were affected that

Bill aims to halt indecent displays

Displays of sex magazines and publications bearing indecent illustrations on the covers in newsagents' and confectioners' shops would be made illegal in certain circumstances under a private mem-ber's Bill to be introduced in

ber's Bill to be introduced in the Commons today by Mr Timothy Sainsbury, the Conser-vative MP for Hove.

His Indecent Displays (Con-trol) Bill aims "to protect people, especially young children, from displays of what is considered hard porn.", he said vesterday. said yesterday.

a notice in the newsroom saying that he felt the journalists'

action was precipitate.
European Parliament move

Sir James could be investigated by a committee of the Euro-pean Parliament if a British Labour motion tabled yesterday

is carried (Our European Poli-tical Editor writes).

Under a procedural role Mr Richard Balfe, Labour MEP for

London, South, Inder, claims

that reports of Sir James's banning sales of Now! in France because of the anti-Giscard

article suggest a breach of

Community rules on the free

If the Bill becomes law shops displaying pornography must have adequate warning notices "indicating that the matter on show is indecent, and not allow

the display is in progress".

For the purposes of the Bill, any matter is indecent if the whole or any displayed part of it is indecent.

A newsagent could keep indecent material in a

separate room, with a notice saying that people under 18 cannot enter The Bill states that any dis-played matter visible from any public place shall be deemed to

of handless body case

On the fourth working day of sions and argument, hearing at Lancaster Castle Before dismissing the jury.

which is expected to last at least until April a jury of seven men and five women was empanelled yesterday.

be publicly displayed. That would relate to indecent photographs or illustrations in cinemas or cinema clubs outside or in the loyer visible from the street, and illustrations out-side other establishments, such "saunas", if they were in-

From Arthur Osman Lancaster

a hearing at Lancaster Castle

Within five minutes they

were sent home until today, when Mr Michael Maguire, QC, will open the case for the Crown against ten men and one

woman. Five men are charged

with the murder of Mr Chris-topher Johnstone, whose hand-less body was found in a

less body was found in a Lancashire quarry, and all 11 are accused of contravening the

Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971.

Editor refuses to meet staff Jury chosen on fourth day

any place to which the public have or are permitted to have access (whether on payment or otherwise), while that matter is displayed, except a place where people are admitted only on payment this payment including payment for the display, or "a shop or any part of a shop to which the public can gain access only by passing beyond an adequate warning notice".

. Offences will carry a fine of up to £1,000 and/or imprisonment up to six months on summary conviction, and up to two years on indictment, and/or a

The Bill has all-party support and comes up for second read-ing on January 30.

Yesterday's hearing was taken up with further legal submis-

the court building. She said

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some considerable time. Do not

be in the slightest degree influ enced, prejudiced or affected

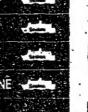
by the fact that there are these

from 120 witnesses, and 27 counsel, have been engaged, including 13 Queen's Counsel.

police officers around."



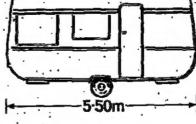
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from holiday yesterday, posted EEC rights campaign by Liberals

movement of goods.

By a Staff Reporter

torial matters.

proprietor.

A five-year campaign aimed at making the EEC subject to the European Convention on Human Rights is outlined today in a policy paper which is ex-pected to be adopted by the Liberal Party.

The document goes before the party's standing committee on February 12 and if adopted will be the party's first statement of policy on human rights for a decade and will greatly widen its present policy, that the convention should be made part of British law. It is in line with other Europen Liberal parties'

Among its chief aims are that rights such as conscientious objection and freezom from the death penalty, now outside the convention, be brought within

It urges that the convention be extended to include rights

Association of Liberal Lawyers, it coincides with the start today of the new five-year period for which the Government has agreed to renew the right of petition by individual citizens to the European Commission of

Human Rights in Strasbourg.
It also coincides with the Government's acceptance from today, for a further five-year period, of the compulsory jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights. Mr Simon Hughes and Mr.

David Ive, for the association, said yesterday: "A well organ-ized campaign to consolidate and develop the protection of human rights and freedoms, both in Britain and the rest of West Europe, would gather widespread popular support ". Such a campaign was particu-

created as an aspect of political life, such as access to official information.

Drawn up by the 200 member Association of Liberal Lawyers, Britain, and four of eight cases pending before the court result from complaints against the United Kingdom.

The paper urges as its main aim the accession by the EEC to the Convention on Human Rights. For that to be effective, the EEC would have to accept the right of individual petition

to Strasbourg.

That would enable acts of the Community to be challenged before the European court; It also proposes that certain rights in the convention, such as that guaranteeing the liberty and security of the person (article five) and that guaranteeing the right to a fair trial (article six), give the same protection as that in the United Nations human rights covenants.

NHS accounting threatened by overtime ban By a Staff Reporter

Regional health authority computer staff began an overtime bann and other measures last night that could seriously disrupt accounting procedures in the National Health Service The 1,800 staff, members of the National and Local Govern ment Officers Association and of the National Union of Public

and statistics, and in some cases nationt records. The two unions are to meet on Friday to consider extending the action The dispute is over the

Employees, use computers that

handle NHS salaries, finance

differences in pay between NHS computer staff and the private sector, where the tween £500 and £1,000 higher.

Xavier, deputy head porter at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, in London, yesterday with some of the 200 demonstrators who were protesting against his dismissal. The hospital board of governors started hearing his appeal yesterday (Nicholas

Ancillary staff at the hospital had agreed to a half-day strike to join the protest demanding the reinstatement of Mr Xavier, the branch chairman of the National Union of Public Employees. The management said, however, that only 41 of 280 porters, domestic and catering staff had joined the action. Employees from other hospitals joined

the demonstration. Mr Xavier was dismissed before Christmas after the management accused him of neglect of essential duties, unauthorized absence from work and failure to behave with commitment to management " of which he is a part". Mr Xavier denies the

Colleges slow to complete science PhDs may lose student awards

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent
University science departments may have their "quota"
places for PhD student awards reduced or abolished if they fail to achieve an acceptable standard for PhD completion rates, Sir Geoffrey Allen, chair-man of the Science Research

Council, said yesterday.

In an interview with The Times, Sir Geoffrey said the council, which gives some 2,350 new awards, averaging £3,500. to PhD students every year, was enxious to improve completion rates, not least because the council felt the writing of the thesis was an important part of research training.

A recent study by the council showed that about 60 per

cent of council-funded students complete their PhDs within four years (awards are nor maily given for a maximum of three years). Sir Geoffrey said yesterday that he would like to see 90 per cent of students complete their PhDs within

The only way to do that, he said, was to ask each department for the average comple-tion rate of their councilfunded students over, for example, a three-year period. New research studentships would then be allocated to that department only if its standard

New grant plan may 'devastate'

The Association of Metro-politan Authorities' education committee yesterday demanded

an urgent meeting with Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to discuss the "devastating effects." on education of the new block grant arrangements for distributing

government money to local

Mrs Nicole Harrison, chair-man of the association's educa-

tional committee, said the com-

mittee had expressed deep concern at its meeting yesterday over the inevitable damage to the education service which would be brought about by the

rate support grant settlement.

The committee said the damage would be caused not only by the severity of the cuts and cash limits, but also by the decisions made on how the

grant would be distributed.

The whole distribution of

the grant was determined on the basis of a formula drawn

up at the last moment, she

said. It was geared to move

the grant away from areas of

great education and social dis-advantage to those far less disadvantaged.

authorities would be faced with making savage cuts in their education service or imposing

very large increases on the

Carlisle has little knowledge of

how the grant system works or of the devastating effects of the decisions to which he was an assenting party, and fear

ock Sheriff Court, Renfrewshire,

Not proven verdict frees

A charge of culpable homi- impeachment, he named a boy

cide against a boy aged 12 of 10 as being responsible, was found not proven at Greenock Sheriff Court, Renfrewshire, broken and she died in hospital

ock Sheritt Court, Renfrewshire, three days after the incident. yesterday. It was alleged that The boy had been charged first

he killed a woman of 57 by with attempted murder, and pushing a brick over a railway then with murder, even though the was still legally alive.

boy in rail death case

"We get the feeling that Mr

Many metropolitan education

education

By Our Education Correspondent

Order of institutions according to brevity in the complefunded PhD students. Only institutions with an average intake of 20 or more councilfunded students have been included. Polytechnics have relatively few such students and are classified together. 1. Birmingham; 2. King's College, London; 3, Cambridge.; 4, East Anglia; 5, Bristol; 6,

Chancellor of Cambridge Uni-versity, which will be put to a special two-day meeting of the council's postgraduate training

council's postgraduate training committee next week.

The working party suggests that a "black list" should be drawn up of institutions of departments in which fewer than half the council-funded research students complete their PhDs within four years. Those institutions should have their council "quota" places cut, with the surplus awards going into a common pool, it

LIST OF COMPLETIONS

Departments with completion rates of below 60 per cent but above 50 per cent would be put on to a "grey list". Their studentships would not be cut, department only if its standard was acceptable.

Sir Geoffrey's proposals are would have to produce a times the arms of the institution of the intended students, it adds. It recomment's Advisory Board for the Research Councils, chaired by Sir Peer Swinnerton-Dyer, Vice-

Surrey; 7, Leicester; 8, Edinburgo; 9, Sheffield; 10, Southampton; 11, Durham; 12, Oxford; 13, Strathclyde; 14, Glasgow; 15, Nottingham; 16, Bangor; 17, Manchester; 18, Cardiff; 19, University College. Oxford ; 15, Nottingham ; 10, Glasgow ; 15, Nottingham ; 10, Bangor ; 17, Manchester ; 18, Cardiff ; 19, University College, 20, Warwick ; 21, London: 20. Warwick: 21, Swansea: 22. UMIST; 23. Liver-pool: 24. Heil: 25. York: 26, Kent; 27. Aberystwyth; 28, Leeds; 29. Lancaster; 30. New-castle: 31. Imperlal, London; 32. Exeter; 33. Polytechnics; 34. Sussex; 35. Bradford.

The council has submitted to the working party a list of in-stitutions ranged in order of the PhD completion rates of coun-cil-funded students in their science and engineering departments. Birmingham's comple-tion rate at the top of the list is twice as good as Bradford's at the bottom. Imperial College's low position is sur-

The working party describes the discrepancy between insti-tutions as "startling", and says there is no obvious explanation. It has to be assumed that it represents a difference in the ethos of the institutions, it says. "If this is so, then to reform what is wrong one needs to

away. One man arrived from Somer

set. I wanted to be quite sure. I was handing it over to the people who mattered." Another with an Australian accent, wanted help with his computer-

"failure on your part to com-plete all sections will result in

for places in London

minster, yesterday morning to deliver his entry for the Gillette London Marathon race was a

who works for the Department of the Environment, had won "The race before the race" to earn the right to toe the line on the Greenwich Meridian on March 29. The race is over 26 miles 385 yards and ends at

when he won the Malaysia-Singapore cross-country cham-pionships, but he jogs up to 40 miles a week.

bound entry form.

The phrase on it stating that

pended prison sentence for extertion. Miss Suzy Mahseredjian, who is 27, and a law student from California, was acquitted on a second charge of illegal possession of explosives.

She was found guilty of extorning 10,000 Swiss francs (£2,380) from Armenians living

A brisk pace marathon

said to be too ill to move after 63 days of a hunger strike. Three 'are on drip feeds, against their wishes and despite the view of the chief doctor for the prison of Fresues, where they are held, that these drips

by Swiss

By Michael Coleman

To the delight of the cameramen, the first man briskly up
the steps of County Hall, West-

civil servant, neatly suited and with brief case.

It was 8.30 am and it meant that Mr Michael Savage, aged 49, from Sanderstead, Surrey, who was the same of the

miles 385 yards and ends at Buckingham Palace.

Seventeen thousand entry forms had been sent out the day before, but only the first 5,500 in the British Isles to return them will get race permits (a further 1,500 are being alloted abroad). So far competitive people like Mr Savage, the race was on as soon as the envelopes dropped through their letter boxes in the first delivery yesterday.

Mr Savage said: "I did not intend trying a marathon until I was 50, but the Gillette London Marathon was too good to miss". He last raced in 1958, when he won the Malaysia-

All day hopeful entrants fol-

lowed him in a steady stream over Waterloo and Westminster bridges, by bicycle, taxi or bus. If not the running gear, it was their obligatory 9in by 4in brown envelopes that gave them

> for American born American woman of Armenian origin to 15 years' expulsion and an 18-month sus-

Another authority studies abolition of sixth forms

Correspondent

considering abolishing its school sixth forms. Croydon has issued a consultative paper on falling pupil numbers, drawn up by a council subcommittee, which proposes a system of 11-16 schools for the borough, with provision for 16-19-year-olds being made in a combination of tertiary and sixth-form colleges. At present the borough has a complicated system of secondary schools involving schools for ages 11-14, 14-18 and 11-16. with the possibility of transfer

Boy spent up to

£100 a day on

However, the secondary population is due to fall by 40 per cent over the next decade, and it is clear that many schools will become too small to provide a suitable curriculum for pupils.

wiltable curriculum for pupils.

Wiltshire is to hold a series of public meetings over the next four weeks to explain its proposals to abolish school sixth forms in the north-east of the county and to replace them with a sixth-form college.

Birmingham is also considering abolishing all its school sixth forms, and Manchester has just decided to go ahead for pupils from the 11-16 sixth forms, and Mancheste, schools either into a further just decided to go ahead

space machine From Our Correspondent

A schoolboy, aged 13, stole hundreds of pounds to satisfy his obsession, a space inbaders machine, magistrates at a juvenile court at Dudley, West Midlands, were told yesterday. "It was the only thing he stole for", inspector John Day, for the prosecution, said.

The court was told that the boy even stole money collected for a relative's funeral, and he for a relative's tuneral, and he squandered up to £100 a day shooting down the little green space ships. Mr Day said: "It seems that all of the money outstanding has been spent on the space invaders machine."

The how admirted examine a spent of the space invaders machine."

The boy admitted stealing a total of £321, mainly from his he has even less interest in the results of grant decisions on inner-city schools and children. care. family, and he was put into

Council's finance director faces internal inquiry

Correspondent
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Mr J. E. Halligan, director
of finance on Lambeth council,
in London, has been suspended
on full pay pending an internal

on full pay pending an internal inquiry
The suspension, ordered by Mr Frank Dixon-Ward, chief executive, took effect shortly before the council met on Monday to debate, and approve, a 20p supplementary rate to make up an film deficit this financial year.

It is understood the suspension came after an argument sion came after an argument

between the two men over a cent.
report prepared by Mr Ir
Halligan. tion A statement Issued by the councir yesterday said Mr Halligan had been temporarily relieved of his dutles. "The reason concerns a matter of corporate management", it said.

whatsoever of impropriety in the management of the council's finances. This will not be an issue at the inquiry which is to be held. Nor is the matter related directly to the financial problems which face Lambeth and other authori-

Mr Halligan, aged 60, has been with the council since 1965. His report was on the financial assumptions for next year's council spending and mentioned the possibility of a rate increase of nearly 50 per

rent.

It also contained an assumption of rent increases, and it appears that a lack of liaison between the council's corporare management team led to The inquiry is to take place as soon as practicable, a counci' official said.

6,000 demand ban on march

From Tim Jones

Cardiff
More than 6,000 people have signed a petition calling on Mr John Woodcock, the Chief Con-stable of South Wales, to ban a march which the Provisional Sinn Fein plans to hold in Car-diff to commemorate Bloody Sunday.

she was still legally alive.

The boy had pleaded not guilty to killing Mrs Thomasina McAlinden, of Roxburgh Way, Greenock, at Greenock West railway station last June.

Mrs McAlinden had just got off a train and was walking under the parapet when she was struck by the brick. The prosecution had claimed that the boy was responsible.

The boy denied that, saying that he was not there at the time, In a special defence of the manner with mutuel. Even though the glife-support she was still legally alive.

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Sunday. South Glamorgan county councillor, who said yesterday that the feared violence if the IRA it will demonstrate against the supporters were allowed to march through the city on Sunday week, to commemorate the day in 1977 when 12 decreased the pressure on Mr Woodcock-

The event has been recalled each year by Sing Fein with annual marches through British

annual marches through British cities.

Mr Nolan said: "We fear that it could cause tension and even violence in the community where none existed before".

Sinn Fein says it expects at least 1,000 supporters to come to Cardiff for the march: The National Front has decided to hold a counter-demonstration.

to ban the Sinn Fein march on public order grounds. A spokesman for the chief constable said that he was still considering the matter.

Predictable Paris anger greets

the French Government."

However strongly Paris feels

about the budget, it can never-theless be of little comfort to

M Barre that only the French Communist Parry Members of

the European Parliament voted in support of his position. Even the Gaullists—in open definite of their party leadership—supported the supplementary

The Gaullists believe, like Mr Thorn and Mme Simone Veil; the president of the European

budget.

Prison doctors oppose

hunger strike feeding

supplementary

Thorn threat to sue

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 13
France has reacted with predictable anger to the threat
yesterday by Mr Gaston Thorn,
the new President of the Euro-

the new President of the European Commission, to prosecute any member-state which failed to pay its full contribution to the 1980 supplementary budget. Like West Germany and Belgium, France has claimed that the supplementary EEC budget—which would make more money available for non-agricultural spending—was only passed by an irregular procedural device. Unlike the other two partners, however, France

two partners, however, France has made it clear that it is not

prepared to pay up to avoid a political crisis.

Mr Thorn's warning, given in his inaugural address in Stras-

bourg yesterday, has not altered the thinking of the French

Government.
M Raymond Barre, the Prime

M Raymond Barre, the Frime Minister, emerged after talks on the matter with President Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysée last night to say: "I do not see why the French Government should modify its position. M Thorn can say what he likes. The French Prime Minister

are ethically wrong.

Two of those being kept alive by the drips have already started legal proceedings against the doctors who have been treating them. All six are seeking to take their case before the International Court of The Hogya claiming them.

in Geneva to finance the terrorist activities of the Secret Armenian Liberation Army.

UPI. Paris explosion: The Secret Armonian Liberation Army

Armenian Liberation Army today claimed responsibility for an explosion in the car of Mr Ahmet Erbeyli, Financial Counsellor at the Turkish Embassy, while he was driving in a Paris street, He escaped injury.—AP.

Rock group are

London.
At the previous hearing in December, at which all three were present, their lawyer told the court that they had already paid the university 80,000 francs for the damage.

Abortion law upheld

Rome, Jan 13.—Italy's highest court has ruled as constitut-ional a 1978 law allowing free abortion on demand for women aged 18 and older and abortion

with the parents' consent for younger women.

for the damage.

sentenced in

their absence

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Jan 13

The trial of 17 Corsican autonomists is due to open strike at the prison.

Before the Court of State Security tomorrow despite the fact that six of them are now said to be too ill to move after 63 days of a hunger strike.

been consistent throughout the past year, duing which time there had been 100 on hunger strike at the prison.

In another interview in the magazine, Mme Solange Troisier, Medical Inspector General of Prisons, stated:

"Nobody has the right to put an end to his days." Comparing an end to his days." Comparing the hunger strike to suicide she said that "despite the ferocious determination of the Corsican prisoners, we will not kesitate to have recourse to forceful

M Alam Peyrefitte, the Minister of Justice, made it quite clear last week that he did not intend to give in to the demands of the hunger strikers. They were, he said, carrying out a blackmail against justice itself.

of The Hague, claiming they have wrongly not been allowed bail pending their trial. In a letter to Le Monde today five of the defence lawyers for the trial, say that the hunger strike is the only weapon avail-able against "the arbitrary". It is not, the letter says, a question of blackmail, but "the Whatever the eventual outcome of the case, the long hunger strike has started a long polemic in medical, and legal circles over the ethics of force-feeding prisoners. These are brought to a head in an article in this week's medical expression of courage and dig-nity, to their extreme limits, despite the medical constraints which are never voluntarily accepted and which are sometimes judged to be a serious breach of medical erbics. The six hunger strikers, two

Dr Eugene Forget, the chief doctor at Fresnes, says in the article that he had refused to give drips to any prisoners on hunger strike without their agreement. He contested the intervention on the Corsican hunger strikers assing that other prisoners and nine others who were released on bail are charged with kidnapping and hunger strikers, saying that there should be "respect for the moral liberty of prisoners". being members of an armed gang a year ago. This was after an attempt to capture two men He said he and his team whom the autonomists believed would have nothing to do with giving drips to the Corsicans. The policy he had adopted had against them.

15-year expulsion | Supreme Court rejects appeal in Menten case

Geneva, Jan 13.—A Swiss From Our Correspondent court today sentenced a Syrian- Amsterdam, Jan 13 The Supreme Court of The Netherlands today rejected the final appeal by Pieter Menten, the 81-year-old Dutch million-

aire and art collector against his conviction last July of war crimes. It upheld the sentence imposed by a Rotterdam court-of 10 years in prison and a fine of 100,000 guilders (about £20,000).

E20,000).

A 10-year sentence on "an old sick man" was perfectly acceptable because of the gravity of the crime, the Supreme Courtheld. It did not consider the punishment to be contrary to the European Ruman Rights. She appeared without her companion, Mr Alexi Yeniko-moushian, a Lebanese, aged 25. Convention. moushiad, a Lebanese, aged 25.
The two were arrested on
October 3 when a bomb exploded in their hotel bedrocen.
Mr Yenikomoushian, who lost
an eye and a hand in the
explosion, will be tried later.—
UPI.

The Rotterdam court had rightly concluded, the higher court found, that while it was impossible to ascertain the exact role played by Mr Menten in the mass execution of be-tween 20 and 30 Polish nationals mainly Jews. in 1941 his guilt had been sufficiently estab-

France for withholding payment port from that quarter. port from that quarter. "The French Government has an unattackable judicial position, but a much weaker political position", La Lettre de la Nation said. "The only important interest in this affair is political, for it is less a case of saving a few millions than of refusing 10 enter into a growing involve-

milions than of featuring to enter into a growing involvement leading, as Raymond Barre says, to a sort of financial tyramy by the European Assembly."

In other words the French According to their parliamentary leader, M Christian de la Malène, "there is a judicial problem which they do not understand in Paris".

Administration is gravely wor-ried that the supplementary budget is only the thin end of a wedge which will give the European Parliament more and more power over Community finance.

the president of the European Parliament, that legally the supplementary budget must stand. Mine Veil, whose candidature was strongly supported by M Barre when she stood for election to the European Parliament has been strongly criticized by the French Government and especially the Prime Minister for allowing the budget to be carried.

M Barre's dilemma is summed up in the Gaullist daily newsletter—on one of the rare recent At any time that is a pos sibility that any government here would be certain to oppose strongly. But with the presidential elections looming, it is doubly important for President Giscard d'Estaing to be seen taking a firm stand against what is being hailed as an attack on national independence.

> Holland and Peking to reduce

their ties From Our Correspondent

Amsterdam, Jan 13 A crisis has developed in the diplomatic relations between The Netherlands and China in the wake of the Dutch Govern-ment's decision last November to go ahead with the sale of two submarines worth more than £200m to Taiwan.

The Dutch Foreign Ministry said today that Mr Johannes Kneppelhout, the Dutch ambassador to Peking, would probably have to leave his post next week. Unless Holland revokes its decision to sell the submarines by the middle of this month Peking will reduce diplomatic relations with The Netherlands to the level of office of charge d'affaires, a step described in The Hague as just short of breaking off diplomatic relations. The Durch Foreign Ministry diplomatic relations.

Mrs Dingh Xuesong, the Ghioese Ambassador in The Netherlands, has not been at her post since the end of October when she went to Peking to prepare for the visit to China of Mr Andries van Ast the Dutch Prime Minister

Agt, the Dutch Prime Minister, in November.

As the possible sale of the submarines became public knowledge on the day of Mr van Agr's return from China it is assumed that that is the reason why she has not yet

Judge thinks papers can save him

From John Earle

Rome, Jan 13 A letter was found today from Judge Giovanni D'Ursa, who was kidnapped a month ago by the Red Brigades, in which he asked for his grantude to be expressed to his wife for her attempts to save his

The letter, regarded a authentic was picked up in a square in central Rome telephone call was made to the Socialist Party newspaper Avanti! a few minutes before a deadline set by the judge's

Addressed to Signor Ugo Intini, editor of the paper, the letter thanked bim for the artitude of Avanti!, which alone of the major dailies habeen willing to publish the proclamations of Red Brigade: members in maximum security

Dr D'Urso said in his lette that it was well known tha "the trial to which I have been subjected has been conclude with my sentence to death. This sentence, however, could be avoided if the most import tant newspapers published th communiques issued by prisoners in Trani and Palm

The judge appealed to thes papers to do so. "The seas of humanity should prevail' he said.

He began his letter by say ing he had heard of an appearade by his daughter, Lorenz on television last night. on television last hight. I ended: "Lastly, a prayer it case I should not see my wif again. May you, Mr Editor, tel her of my gratitude for wha she has done, unable (as I am to count on anything but th strength of her love for me an our daughters."

At Palmi prison, in Calabris

At Palmi prison, in Calabris magistrates today questioned 1 extremists who have been charged with complicity in the kidnapping. Another 65 have already been charged at Tran prison in Puglia, where a revolution was suppressed at the end o. last mouth.

The Rome public prosecuto

has taken this action on th prounds that they had idem. fied themselves with the kir napping. If the judge is killed they could be charged with complicity in his murder.

From questioning thes prisoners, it is hoped to obtain information that would lead t the hide-out where Dr D'Urso, senior official in the Justic Ministry's prison department, i being held—presumably in or near Rome.

The authorities are also searching for Signor Giovann Senzani, a criminologist and a

alleged Red Brigades envowho gave a long interview the weekly magazine L'Espresse Interpol has been informe of the search in case Signo Senzani, who speaks English, I

Shell role in supplying oil to South Africa revealed

From Robert Schuil

Amsterdam, Jan 13

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A Dutch report today revealed the importance of the role played by Shell tankers in supplying South Africa with crude oil.

According to the report 26 tankers either belonging to Shell or under charter to if unloaded at South African oil ferminals between January, 1979, and March, 1980.

The recort, entitled "Oil

Supplies to South Africa, the role of tankers connected with the report alleges, represent the report alleges, represent compiled by the Shipping Research Bureau in Amsterdam.

Last June the Dutch Govern

seems to show the big effecthat the Dutch oil boycott a South Africa could have if thi boycott also encompassed transportation. It has been assumed tha

Dutch oil exports to South
Africa were of only margina
importance covering about
per cent of its needs. According to the report however, a total of 42 ranker

1979, and March, 1980.

The report, entitled "Oil connected with the Netherland Supplies to South Africa, the had unloaded in South Africa

search Bureau in Amsterdam.

The bureau, which was set up by the Dutch Committee on Southern Africa—the main anti-apartheid lobby in The Netherlands, said that most of the oil was loaded in The Netherlands Antilles, where investigate the possibilities of there were three important trans-shipment facilities.

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Last June the Dutch Government survived a motion of the involvement of the investigate the possibilities of against Pretoria in cooperation with the other two Benelus countries and the Scandinaviar specific. ment survived a motion of censure by two votes in the Lower House after its refuse to impose a unilateral of the embargo against South Africa. Dutch-British company in countries and the Scandinaviar supplying oil to South Africa nations.

Madrid fight for Eurocommunism

From Richard Wigg
Madrid, Jan 13
The Spanish Communist
Party pledged itself today to
an all-out fight to reconquer the Eurocommunist positions lost at the Catalan Communist the Eurocommunist positions lost at the Catalan Communist Party's congress last week in Barcelona. This congress was a resounding defeat for the policies of Señor Santiago Carrillo, the veteran national party leader at the hands of pro-Moscow communists.

A declaration issued today by the national party's executive after a series of tense meetings during the past few days only just stopped short of naming the Soviet Union.

The Spanish Communist Party (PCE) executive noted that the Barcelona decisions were "part of a wider offensive against Eurocommunism". The declaration then proceeded to restate forcibly the Eurocommunists' rejection of any notion of the Soviet Union or the Soviet Communist Party as a "guide" for other nations' communist parties, the theory dear to President Brezhney. It also repeated the PCE's public criticism of the Sovier Hains

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 13
The three members of the
British rock group The Stranglers were given suspended
prison sentences in their
absence by a court in Nice today,
for inciting an audionge in other absence by a court in Nice today for inciting an audience in the city's university last June to smash everything up.

Mr Jean-Jacques Burnel, aged 27, the group's leader, was given a one-year suspended sentence and the other two, Mr Brian Duffy aged 38, and Mr Hugh Cornwall, aged 28, were given six-month suspended sentences. They were also ordered to pay costs of 17,800 francs (£1,780). They all come from London.

account for eight of the 23 communist deputies in the Cortes (Parliament), and wield even greater influence throughout the entire labour movement. A new combativeness on the labour front has already been noted after the Barcelona decisions in the national wage

negotiations going on in Madrid. . Interest is heightened be-

Interest is heightened because Señor Carrillo has come
render 'serious' attack from the
younger party members for his
bandling of the party affairs.
Many believe indeed that the
Catalans' offensive originally
had the tacit approval of
Señor Carrillo's younger opponents in Madrid, restive with his
iron 'control of the party. But
the pro-Soviet elements in
Barcelona then went farther
than expected. than expected.

Señor Carrillo is fighting to retain the secretary generalship of the party at the coming tenth congress. His best means of defence is to link up his own survival in office with the dear to President Brezhnev. It cause of Eurocommunism in also repeated the PCE's public criticism of the Soviet Union over Afglunistan, Czechoslo.

The other political parties in Spain have been watching for the PCE's reaction of the the PCE's reaction of the party structures.

known) to obey the party line issued in Madrid. The pro-Moscow group exploited Cata-lan regionalism on this point. Today's statement tells the Catalans that their decisions mean a "grave setback" for Communism in Catalonia, with

Communism in Catalonia, with very negative repercussions in Spain and elsewhere in Europe. The Catalan Communists have evolved to a position close to the Italian Communists. But observers have noted how the language used by the victorious delegations from Barcelona's industrial belt last week bore striking resemblance to Soviet propaganda publications. Today's statement also shows that Senor Carrillo's critics, having reestablished the principles of Eurocommunism, are insisting that the warning from

Barcelona is heeded.

Above all, the party is to review critically, it says, its whole line of conduct since Spain be-came a democracy. The state-ment signals that in future the party will seek to bring more pressure on the Government to

tackle working class problems, like unemployment.

Thus Senor Carrillo will seek at the party congress to protect his flanks from critics. spain have been watching for the PCE's reaction since the The pro-Moscow Catalan who assert that since the PCE Catalan Communists, rejected Communists were able to was legalized in December. Eurocommunism, and with it exploit the underlying distance the parliamentary: road to content with Señor Carrillo in shunned the old communist power, by 424 votes to 359 last view of his repeated attempts struggle on be half of the working people.

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From Dessa Trevisan Warsaw, Jan 13

to use force in order to clear a public building, this time in Ustrzyki Dolne where some 60

militant farmers have been occupying the premises and

demanding recognition of their rural Solidarity union which is still being delayed.

Solidarity's national commit-

scientists will begin transmit-ting radio signals to outer space in an attempt to make contact with any possible in-

telligent life on other galaxies.

und les Under the auspices of the

dy tried in the search

for life. Soviet scientists hoped to improve the chances

making contact.
Dr Troitsky emphasized that extra-terrestial civilizations

were theoretically possible. He said that theory often preceded

actual discovery, citing the example of pulsars which had

Diver arrested

collect ransom

Sydney, Jan 13 .- Police hunt-

ing a gang of extortionists who bombed the Woolworths store

chain arrested a frogman today

as he tried to collect a sub-merged, \$Alm (£500,000) ransom of gold, diamonds and

The 28-year-old diver later

appeared in court to be charged in connexion with the bombings and extortion demands. But police said the leader of

the gang, known as "Benny", was still at large.
The gang bombed three Wool-

worths stores last month.
Police said the diver was

grabbed by detectives as he

Russian quits embassy in

Cairo and seeks asylum

years ago.

trying to

the farmers' demands but in a

way that would cause the minimum loss to production.

Mr Jozef Pinkowski, the

an agreement in Jastrzebie, the centre of coalmining, last Sep-tember to concede a five-day week to the miners. Obviously

Walesa mission: Mr Lech

Walesa mission: Mr Lecin Walesa, the Polish trade union leader, arrived in Rome today on his first visit abroad at the head of a Solidarity delegation of 14 for a seven-day stay in Italy (John Earle writes from Rome).

Applauded and nearly mobbed by photographers and passengers at Fiumicino amport,

Mr Walesa found waiting for him his step-father, Mr Stani-slaw Walesa, who had arrived from the United States.

The delegation was welcomed

by representatives of the Vati-can led by Mgr Giovanni Coppa,

of the Secretariat of State, as well as by the leaders of the three Italian trade union confederations. For the first two days the delegation is the guest of the Church, and for the rest of the Valian trade unions.

rest of the Italian trade unions.

The visit got off to en-undiplomatic start when in an

interview with an Pasian newspaper before leaving Poland Mr Walesa said: "If it were not for the Pope, I would not have

made my first trip abroad to

He told the Italian trade

Tebran, Jan 13.—Efforts to rush two Bills on the American

embassy hostages through the Iranian Majlis (Parliament) were stalled today for at least

24 hours because of one man's

leaves office on January 20. The Majlis had been set to

approve today the two Bills related to aspects of an Ameri-

can-Iranian accord on the hostages, which diplomatic

sources say is at last within

sight. Majlis sources said there was

absence.

delayed in Tehran

captivity.
Diplomatic sources here say the basic outlines of an accord have been settled and should be announced before President Carter leaves office. Rue even if a breakthrough is

achieved by then, the hostages may not be freed until after the American Inauguration. -Reuters and Agence France-Presse: Professor killed : Two days after being interrogated by Revolu-tionary Guards about his activities for the Bahai faith,

Professor Manuchihr Hakim, physician and an emineut member of the faculty at Tehran University, was shot dead in his office yesterday, Bahai sources in London reported

Mr Qoboza steps down as editor of closed papers From Eric Marsden

Johannesburg, Jan 13
Mr Percy Qoboza has resigned
as editor of the black newsonly recently been found although physicists had pre-dicted their existence many papers Post and Sunday Post, which were recently closed by which were recently closed by the Government because of non-publication for three months. His resignation was in a tele-gram sent from Washington to Mr Hai Miller, managing direc-tor of the Argus Company which owns the two black news-

papers. Mr Qoboza's telegram said that "recent Government actions on black press and banning of black journalists have forced me to tender my resignation". He apologized for nor being able to discuss his resignation personally but said consulta-tions with his lawyers had taken longer than he had expected and that he was "rushing off" to a conference

in Sierra Leone. He left Johannesburg at the weekend after a period of sick leave. Mr Qoboza came to promi-nence in 1978 when his former newspaper World was banned tried to collect the ransom in the campaign against black which was in a cricket bag suspended in Sydney harbour from a ferry wharf.—Reuter. in the campaign against black

the Black Consciousness move-ment. Mr Qoboza was detained for several months but on his release was offered the editorship of the Transvaal edition of the Post and Sunday Post, newspapers which had their main circulations in Natal. Over the past two years Mr Qoboza has been under pressure from the Government for alleged provocative articles and from black militants who thought he was not forthright enough in pleading the case for early majority rule. A few months ago he took a sabbati-cal to seek respite from the strains of the job and acted as a guest writer for American

newspapers.

Two of his staff, including Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, one of his chief assistants, recently came under a Government banning order. Mr Sisulu is the leader of the Media Workers Associa tion of South Africa which believes that black journalists should promote black power rather than the ethic of objectivity, and which had called a strike of workers on black newspapers and blacks employed on white-owned newspapers.

Guerrillas claim war success

San Salvador, Jan 13-Leftist guerrillas today claimed new military successes in El Salvador as the opposition groups called a general strike aimed at bringing the junta to its

Guerrillas said they had wrested control of the northwest towns of Chalatenango and Suchitoto, surrounded San Miguel in the east and laid siege to the barracks at El

Government leaders, however, insisted they had the military situation well in hand. Mr Ian Mates, one of two

press photographers seriously wounded in a grenade explosion, died today from his in-juries, the authorities announced. - Agence France-

The party would not make any pledge to dismantle Jewish



Mr Lech Walesa accompanied by his step-father visiting St Peter's Basilica yesterday.

today: "I have come to visit the Pope. There are very impor-tant reasons for this visit." To this Signor Luciano Lama, the Communist secretary general of the General Confederation of Italian Labour, replied that he understood this.

but the unions also wanted to show their guests something of the reality of Italy.

The Italian trade union move-

ment, including its Communist element, has strongly supported the growth of Solidarity, and sent a delegation to Warsaw the time of the Gdansk demonstrations last August, although the Italians were not allowed by

unionist leaders at the airport the Polish Government to go to Gdansk. In the afternoon Mr Walesa,

accompanied by his wife and step-father and by other members of the delegation, visited St Peter's Basilica, and the crypt with the tombs of Popes. After an audience with the

Pope on Thursday morning, My Walesa will move from a pilgrims' hostel to a hotel for talks with the Italian trade union leadership. Friday will be desired. be devoted to meetings with different trade unions. Anti-socialist forces: Anti-socialist forces are trying to turn the Solidarity trade unions into

a political opposition party, Mr Stanislaw Wronski, a memmr Stanislaw Wrotski, a member of the Polish party Central Committee said in an article published in Pravda today "The mighty Soviet Union is needed by Poland, as a strong socialist Poland (is needed) by the Soviet Union".

He added: The concern of our socialist frinds, and especi-ally the Soviet Union, about the situation in Poland and events weakening is force, is under-standable."

Although the article was said to be contributed by Mr Wron-ski, its views almost certainly reflected those of the Soviet

Dissident Soviet miner held in mental hospital

Moscow, Jan 13

A Soviet miner, who has spent several years in prisons and punitive psychiatric wards after protesting about working conditions in the Donetsk mining area of the Ukraine, has been rearrested and forcibly confined to a mental hospital after talking to Western correspondens, according to information reaching Moscow today. Mr Alexei Nikitin, a former

ington Post.

the men told him he had to undergo another psychiatric examination. He protested, but was given a substance—probably an injection—that reduced his resistance and he was bundled into the ambulance. He was taken under police guard to a psychiatric hospital in Donetsk where his relatives

December 26 he was sent to the city prison, and his sister was told be given a psychiatric examination in Kharkov.

Scathing attack

on EEC move

in Middle East

Continued from page 1 idea of a separate European initiative. "One ought to separate courtesy from substan-

tive attitudes", he replied. He claimed that it was dis-

concerting for Israel to be with two separate Western

peace initiatives, " each with its

own vocabulary, its own rhetoric and its own priori-ties". He added scathingly that

Europe's stated desire to associ-ate the PLO with the peace process had been announced only two weeks after the organ-

ization declared its desire to liquidate the Zionist entity.

We believe that Europe underestimating its potential role", Mr Eban said. "If it

wants to create a Palestinian outlook similar to the change

which took place in Egyptian

policy, the way to go about it is not to pretend that the

change has occurred when it

Earlier, Mr Eban had spoken

of the different approach to the Middle East problem which would be adopted if Labour

formed the next Israeli govern-ment. His remarks indicated

that the future of the occupied

West Bank is destined to be-

come a key campaign issue.
The main innovation would

come from the fact that Labour

opposed the idea of permanent Israeli rule over the 1.2 million

Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza, he explained. "We oppose it not only in the name of peace, but also on what Labour

Party resolutions describe as

moral and Jewish grounds."

Mr Eban said that if Labour

would attempt to open a dia-

logue with both the Jordanian Government and local Pales-

tinians in an effort to begin

negotiations about territorial compromise on Arab land Mr Eban stated that Labour

would refuse to consider redi-

viding Jerusalem, or returning to Israel's pre-1967 boundaries.

were returned to office

has not."

received a three-year sentence on December 26 on the same Israelis detain six over Arab's murder

Another human rights cam-

paigner, Mr Alexander Lavut, a 51-year-old mathematician,

From Our Correspondent Tel Aviv, Jan 13 Israeli police investigating last night's murder of Shaikh Muhammad Abu Rabia, a Bedu member of the Knesset, visited Yerka, a Druze village in Galilee. The son and a kinsman of a prominent non-Jewish notable were detained.

Two others were reported arrested at a roadblock. They were unarmed but one man was ermy uniform with an officer's insignia. The Israel radio said WETE detained, one of them a Jew.

with the authorities began in 1969 after leading a delegation of miners to protest about compulsory overtime working and the management's failure to pay the obligatory bonuses, has

been fortibly treated with behaviour-altering drugs. Last year he was released and was pronounced com-pletely sane after an indepen-dent examination by a psychia-

already spent several years in

psychiatric wards where he has

had been unable to find work, From John Best his wife was induced to leave him and he had suffered harass ment ever since predicting, accurately, an explosion at the mine where he worked because of poor safety standards. Dissident jailed: Mr Alexander

Podrabinek, leading member of a Seviet dissident commission here and at Westminster. investigating the political use of psychiatry, was sentenced on January 7 to three and a half years in a forced Jabour camp Commons-Senate for "defamation of the Soviet system," it has been learned in London. He is author of the book Punitive Medicine.

Government wants Westminster to incorporate in the new con-

safeguards virtually meaning-

ject only to such reasonable before the end of March.

to Kabul was exploited

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

Three Labour MPs who visited Afghanistan earlier this month denied yesterday that they had been exploited for propaganda purposes by Moscow. They urged the British Government to "recognize" the regime, and said that from what they had seen in their fiveday. they had seen in their five-day visit, the Afghanistan Govern-ment was in control of the

ment was in control of the country.

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, answering questions in the Commons, said that by going to Afghanistan the MPs had given "aid and comfort to the occupiers". Speaking on television last night Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said he thought the three had "made asses of themselves"; but there was no need to rub it in.

Two of the MPs, Mr Alan Roberts (Bootle) and Mr Robert Litherland (Manchester, Central), who met officials at the Foreign Office yesterday to report on their impressions, said they had been impressions, said they had been free to travel where they wished and meet whom they wanted, though language difficulties prevented them from having much contact with the Afghan people. They said their visit had reinforced their view that socialism could not be carried through by the gum and called through by the gun, and called on the Soviet Government to

on the Soviet Government to withdraw its troops immediately
Mr Ronald Brown (Edinburgh, Leith), who did not join the Foreign Office meeting, and was more critical of official British policy than his colleagues, said he did not know if the Soviet troops had been invited into Afghanistan or had come in of their own accord. If invited, that was a matter for the Afghan Government.

Mr Brown said many of the reports in the British and Western press about Afghanistan were false. President Babrak Karmal had told them, he said, that Soviet troops were

he said, that Soviet troops were a reserve, and would leave the country immediately Afghanistan's neighbours respected its borders.

He said he had not visited the Foreign Office with his col-

the Foreign Office with his col-leagues because "it would just mean giving information to the Tories." Mr Roberts said the officials heard their views with great interest. They had also seen Mr Denis Healey, Labour

spokesman on foreign affairs.
The Foreign Office pointed out last night, however, that Britain no longer recognizes governments, only states. The present position is that while diplomatic relations have not been backered.

What the three MPs want, they made clear at a press conference at the Commons yester-day, is "negotiations" with the regime in Kabul. They said that the Afghan leadership was ready to enter into talks with Pakistan and Iran on the iron-

Paissian and Iran on the fron-tiers question, "Obviously sitting down and talking with them implies recog-nition," Mr Roberts said. Mr Karmal had spoken of "direct negotiations". Mr Roberts thought that the initiative could come from the United Nations, though the Afghan regime had little confidence in it little confidence in it.

Pakistan is reported to be pressing for talks under United Nations sponsorship, but it is still not clear whether the behind-the-scenes contacts at the United Nations are making

progress.

Answering press questions, the three MPs strongly defended.

the three MPs strongly defended their right to see the situation for themselves in Afghanistan, and supported the aims of the present regime as being moderate", compared with the Amin regime which had "lost faith with the people". The Soviet presence, in Kabul and Jalalabad, the two main centres they visited, was minimal, and so far as they could judge control of the country was in Afghan hands. Mr Litherland stressed that at the airport there stressed that at the airport there was a wide range of Soiet military aircraft.

Hugh Noyes writes: Mrs Hugh Noyes writes: Mrs. Thatcher in the Commons yesterday publicly condemned the visit of the three MPs. It was significant that there was no attempt by the Labour Front Bench to defend the visit. The Prime Minister said it was deplorable that MPs should give aid and comfort in this way to a regime that was kept in power by 80,000 to 90,000 Soviet troops.

Clearly angered at the use

Clearly angered at the use made of the visit by the Kabul Government, Mrs Thatcher reminded the Commons that the MPs concerned had been visiting an independent country occupied by Soviet troops. That occupation, she said, had been condemned by the whole of the Western world as well as by the non-aligned world.

Defending the visit Me

the non-aligned world.

Defending the visit, Mr
Roberts, one of the three who
made the journey, asked Mrs
Thatcher whether her words
meant that she would never
visit the Soviet Union. There
were shouts of "yes" from the
Conservative benches as Mr
Roberts asked if the Prime
Minister was implying that the
three MPs went with closed three MPs went with closed

been broken, the British charge minds. d'affaires in Kabul has no sub-Parliamentary report, page 8

Ottawa amends proposals to reform constitution

The Federal Government has introduced wide-ranging amendments to its constitutional reform package. These are designed to overcome the ferocious criticism that the package has encountered and pave the way for final approval,

The amendments were presented last night to a joint committee which has since November been studying the reform proposals—aimed at "patriation" of the 1867 British North America Act, Canada's Constitution.

The committee is to make its report by February 9. After the Government's proposals are cleared through both Canadian Houses, they will form the basis of an address to the British Parliament asking that Westminster amend the 1867 Act and then surrender control

over it.

It is hoped the changes, which were proposed last night by Mr Jean Chrétien, the Justice Minister, will close the much criticized loopholes in the Charter of Rights, which the

stitution.

One example is the original opening clause in the charter, which made fundamental rights in Canada subject to limitations "generally accepted" in a free society. Civil liberties organizations attacked this as being so broad as to render the proposed

less.

The clause has now been revised to make freedoms " sub-

limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society." add New Brunswick to the list of provinces where court and legislative proceedings are to be conducted in both Canada' official languages—English and French.

The present list includes Quebec and Manitoba, Still conspicuously missing is Ontario, whose Premier strenuously opposes having his province covered by the bilingual pro-

Unilateral threat: The "constitutional monarchy" in Canada would be severely threatened if Westminster refused to pass or make changes to the revised constitution, Mr Richard Har-field, the Premier of New Brunswick, said in London yesterday (our political correspondent writes).
"If there is reluctance on the

part of the British Parliament to carry out the commitment that it gave to us as recently as June, 1976, then we will be forced to take unilateral action and it will be a good period of time before we can return and restore good relations between the people of Canada and the people of Great

Mr Hatfield said he did not question the right of Westminster MPs to comment on the constitutional proposals, but he expected the legislation to be

He said he expected that the constitutional package would be approved by the Federal Parlia-ment by the end of February and that it would be in London

Labour MPs deny visit Opposition in Nigeria is accused of subversion

From Karan Thapar Lagos, Jan 13 It has been alleged that the

main opposition party in Nigeria has plans to subvert the constitution and, if possible, overthrow the 15-month-old civilian Government. This was disclosed by what is pur-ported to be "the full text of a ported to be "the full fert of a secret document prepared by the Unite Party of Nigeria (UPN) aimed at destabilizing the country politically?, and published by the Nigerian Herald today.

Yesterday the paper published highlights of the alleged document. So far the UPN has not denied the authenticity of the document.

the document,

"Our ultimate aim must be to take Nigeria back to square one—rendmiscent of the 1962-66 political and constitutional debacle that culminated in the civil war," the document states.

"It is clear that the next civil war will be bloody, but if the blood of tyrants has to be shed to ensure the emergence of a just society, so be it." Just society, so be it."

No explanation is offered by
the Nigerian Herald as to how
the document, alleged to be
marked "strictly confidential—
restricted circulation", came to

be in its possession. Whether the text is accurate and auth-entic must be in doubt, but some of the aims and pro-cedures outlined in it do eppear to coincide with what are widely believed to be the wishes of the opposition party. Chief Awolowo, the UPN leader, was the closest loser in the 1979 Presidential election. although by a wide margin. He contested that verdict in court and lost. He has since refused and lost, he has since refused to recognize Alhaji Shehu Shagari as President, and he has called on the presiding Chief Justice to resign, accusing him of bias and conspiracy.

Both the UPN-supporting papers—the Daily Sketch and the Vicarion Albains, helicity.

the Nigerian Tribune—habitu-ally refer to the "stolen presidency" and accuse the Government of corruption and According to the document published by the newspaper, the UPN has determined to cause confusion, foment indiscipline among other political parties thus ensuring the com-pletion of the circle of render-

pieton of the carle of render-ing the new constitution unworkable. In fulfilment of these aims, the document seeks to brief the foreign press, in particular the BBC Africa service, in the hope of securing maximum pub-

However, the document is most particular about not opposing any Bill affecting any of the services especially the

The document states: While all measures capable of arousing anger within the Armed Forces short of a coup must be must be taken to ensure that they are not propelled to stage

a coup.

"The worst civilian regime, as we have today, is better than any military administration.

Africans query legality of Chad merger

Lomé, Jan 13.—African leaders discussed a proposed merger of Libya and Chad today and informed sources said the presidents believed a merger would have no legal backing. Eleven heads of state and two foreign ministers taking part in the informal talks decided to hold a formal session to-morrow to discuss the possibility of calling a meeting of the Organization of African

Several African nations have condemned the proposed mer-ger to which President Goukount Ouedder of Chad agreed during a visit to Tripoli The sources said the heads

of state were likely to call in Lome for another conference of African nations, including Chad and Libya, similar to that in Lagos in 1979 which set up the present Chad transiti government.

African leaders were generally agreed that President Goukouni was given a strictly temporary mandate to organize elections and demilitarize the capital of Ndjamena by this month, the sources said.— Reuter.

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Chinese leftists suspected of terror bombings More serious is the question of the armed forces have From David Bonavia

Hongkong, Jan 13

Reports of terrorist bomb attacks in different parts of China may be linked to the delay in passing sentence on Jiang Qing, the widow of Mao Tse-tung and nine other de-fendants found guilty of offences amounting to treason by a special court in Peking.

The bombings have been re-ported by the official press in hanghai and the north-eastern province of Liaoning - both formerly regarded as strong-holds of the left-wing faction surrounding Jiang Qing and her associates in the erstwhile "Gang of Pour".

At the trial, Jiang Qing made a spirited defence of her previous political activity and there is understood to be controversy in leadership circles whether she should be sentenced to immediate execution, to execution suspended for two years to see whether she will "reform" herself, or to a long prison term.

Although Jiang Qing is very unpopular among the Chinese public, there are undoubtedly disgruntled leftists who in extreme cases could be expected whether members of the armed apparently objected to schemes

happy in his work and had documents and ponder problems quarrelled with his girl friend. seriously, but are instead very there was no evidence of a interested in untruthful hearsay political motive. There are however, solid grounds to believe that many

armed forces commanders are unhappy about the recent political trial, in which five former senior officers from chief of staff down were convicted of attempting to assassinate Mao in 1971. This has damaged the political prestige of the armed forces, as has the campaign since Mao's death to discredit many of his policies, away when a young man or for which he often took the military as a political model. Several publications of the Communist Party have discussed the problems involved in to join up, in contrast with the

anti-lettist policies laid down in

the bombings—about which few details have been published—or. ground that these policies supplied explosives, otherwise diverge too far from Mao's very difficult to obtain. ideas.

Last year, 11 people died in The armed forces newspaper a bomb explosion at Peking's said last month: "Certain of main railway station. The police our comrades fail to take a

and street gossip, passing irre-sponsible judgment on things and people. They listen to and believe anything anyone says and even add their own contri-butions, thus spreading falsehood and creating confusion for themselves and others."

Another problem is the provision of jobs and homes for demobilized servicemen, and compensation for families in the rural areas for the labour taken woman is recruited. In recent months, there have been reports of considerable difficulties in persuading young people regarded as highly desirable.

four years ago after he had been disgraced by Jiang Qing and her friends was supported by the leading armed forces commanders, seems to have dis-appointed them. He has not earmarked large funds for the import of advanced arms and equipment, as had been widely forecast, and he has purged several top commanders for political reasons.

Mr Deng is also thought to have had sharp disagreements with the veteran Marshal Ye Jianying, especially over the posthumous discrediting of Mao and many of his policies a cumulative process to which the party has now called a halt.

While no concrete evidence links the recent terror bombings with the friction between Mr Deng and the armed forces commanders, they will increase unease in the public mind about the security of his new team of civilian administrators and their ability to stand up to and suppress any manifestations of violent opposition.

It is thought that a death making the troops understand previous state of affairs, in sentence on Jiang Qing could the reasoning behind the new, which a military career was well provoke more violent protests, especially as much of her to use acts of terrorism to Peking—especially those related. Vice-Chairman Deng Kiao- group's support rested in the demonstrate support for her. to agriculture. Many members ping, whose return to power militia or territorial army.

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man of the Academy's section dealing with the search for artificial cosmic signals, admitted that the likelihood of success was "very small". Nevertheless, he added, such experiments were necessary. By working out a sensible strategy and combining methods already tried in the search Dinter Services

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> Kremlin "that diplomats must adhere to diplomatic practice and work to promote bilateral relations." But Moscow, almost surely, will not see the defection in the cow's Min same light. The semi-official Commerce.

attaché had been charged with

It was not clear whether the

cases were related, but Mr

Kamal Hassan Aly, the egyptian

Foreign Minister, said the case of the attaché charged with

From Our Correspondent newspaper, al-Ahram, in a front Cairo, Jan 13

A Soviet official working in Embassy official, identified as the commercial section of the Mr Vladislay Kharlov, aged 59, embassy here has defected to had resorted to the newspaper Egypt. The defection, which was 'to help him inform Egyptian made public today, came after authorities of his decision to the announcement at the week seek political asylum in Egypt. end that another commercial The report said the authorities had granted his request

spying and ordered to be after he explained that his "life deported. in the Soviet Union is against all human nature and against logic even. The decision had been hard for him to take, he said, especially as he had two sons in Moscow, Although he spying would not strain rela-tions further with Moscow, but he was sure the Soviet Governshould drive home to the ment would frame accusations against him to explain his de-

Mr Kharlov joined the embassy here in May, 1979, after being transferred from Mos-cow's Ministry for Foreign

in El Salvador

Paraiso.

The civil war, page 12 | settlements.

miner and Communist Party trist, member at the Butovka mine, was picked up from his sister's denra Mr Nikitin told correspon-dents who visited him in Donetsk in December that he home last month by men who ittived in an ambulance three days after he had met the Moscow correspondents of the Financial Times and the Wash-

An account of his arrest said

later found him in a very bad condition with a high temperature and refusing to eat. The account said that after

Press is a real source of information after years of sterile polemics and abstruse political theory

Exciting intellectual era for China

"The Chinese" by David
Bonavia, China Correspondent
of The Times is published this
week." This is the last of
three edited extracts from the
book and it looks at the way in
which Chinese writers
journalists are starting to
emerge from the crisis of the
Cultural Revolution. More
people understand written
people understand written
Chinese than any other lan-Cultural Revolution: More people understand written Chinese than any other language and it is also the most ancient system of writing still in use today. But there have been extensive changes in Chinese script recently which have made it difficult for older Chinese and those living outside the country to understand. Communication by the written word has also been constricted by political upheaval in China. Most of the promising writ-

Most of the promising writers of the early revolutionary period have seen their works denounced, banned or burnt at one time or another. Wellone time or another. Well-known authors are only now taking up the pen again, after enforced or voluntary silences of 20 years and more. Libraries in China have been subject to severe restrictions, bookshops denuded of all but the most banal books.

The press has emerged from a period of more than a decade

buring which it became so devious, obscene and repetitive that only skilled reading be-tween the lines could make any use of it at all:

Playwrights and actors have been forced either to stick to a tiny range of approved themes, or give up their car-eers—sometimes their liberty or their lives. Poetry was re-duced to mere declamation in the Eleven Years (the years 1966-77 which began with the Cultural Revolution and ended with the arrest of the "Gang of Four "), and literary criticism became an exercise in political survival.

Now a generation of young writers is bursting with things to say—even if they too often lack the skill to say them well. Once-famous authors and stage performers have been plucked out of their obscurity in remote country villages where they were exiled, or released from jails and labour camps.

The press, though still stodgy and skimpy, is showing encouraging signs of an at-

Classic karopean authors can conce more be bought in the shops, and China's own cultural legacy is being studied with the respect which it deserves and not just to find ways of scoring cheap political points.

To understand how exching the new intellectual atmo-sphere is for people in China,

sphere is for people in China, one must compare the situation of the daily press there in 1980 with its situation in 1975.

A casual glance would reveal little difference in the soberly-arranged columns of the People's Daily—the main party organ. It consists of two big sheets of newsprint, each folder once to make a total of sight pages.

The big change today lies in the content of the People's Daily, and all the other national and local newspapers which more or less follow its style. Where previously there were acres of sterile polemics and abstruse political theory, there are now facts and statistics, serious the statistics and statistics. problems, homour and satire and sports news.

To people in China, the press is now a real source of informa-tion and food far thought, rather than a quasi-astrological swirling through the halls of power, as it was in the decade power, as it was in the before Mao's death.

Meo himself at different times in his career stood out for frank and honest reporting the press, but, with that culiar ambivalence which marked most things he said, he also warned about its dangers, supposedly having proclaimed in the 1960s: "If a newspaper reports only about failings, when every commune has its own point of view, the paper won't be able to print them

Mao's supporters took this to mean that critical reporting should be suppressed, except when the leadership itself felt like criticizing someone or some institution. It became near-treasonable to dwell in print on "the dark side of society"—that is social abuses

disorganization A journalist was supposed to be "positive", reporting only things which reflected well on the leadership's management of affairs. Even an article criticizing something as trivial as rude service in a shop had to be balanced by another article, pointing out how con-scientious the sales clerks were

in some other shop. The new approach—unthinkable as recently as 1978—has awakened a lively response from the readers. According to officials at the People's Daily, letters from readers rose from about 1,200 a month to 2,000 a day—a 50-fold increase—in the late 1970s.

One explanation for this is the tremendous social ferment in China which has greeted the post-Mao leadership's announcement of new, more liberal policies.

Another has been the growing confidence, on the part of the general public, that one may write to a national news-paper without fear of being arrested and jailed without trial if one voices the wrong

Previously letters which seemed seriously "deviant" in political terms were referred to the local notice in the sender's place of residence, for investiga-

tion.
Today, an intelligent person reading nothing but the People's Daily for six months would have at least a smattering of knowledge about events in the world outside China, a fairly realistic picture of the main economic and political trends inside China and virtually no knowledge at all about big interestings! ternational controversies over colture, religion, education, the arts, environmental protection

But reasonably well-educated Chinese people are not wholly dependent on their own press to get knowledge about the out-side world. Nowadays they can listen to international broad-casting stations such as the BBC, or the Voice of America, in both English and Chinese. Previously, this was a serious

crime.
"The Chinese" is published tomorrow by Allen Lane, price

SPORT

Football



The goals snowballed at Ipswich last night. Wark is on the right, starting the slide.

There is blue snow on the summit

Inswich 5
With a clinical embiliation of finishing, Ipswich Town returned to the top of the first division last night, doing their goal difference no harm in relieving Aston Villa of the leadership by a point. Liverpool, who like Villa have played a game more than Ipswich, are now four points adrift.

Bobby Robson, the Ipswich manager, can have wished for no better performance with which to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of his tenancy. He had belped Riemingham 1 Tpswich 5

to celebrate the twelfth anniver-sary of his tenancy. He had helped the ground staff clear the picth of several inches of snow. It was still on a white surface, flanked by markings of red paint, that Ipswich served notice of their intention to capture the honour that has eluded them since the heady days of Sir Alf Ramsey 18 years ago. Five different players scored their goals.

Illuminated by the floodlights

Illuminated by the floodlights, is was a glorious wintry setting and Ipswich's display was no less delightful. The only pity was that

O'Callaghan, who had turned Hawker inside out in the second half, failed to get a goal, although he so excelled that Gates completing his suspension, was never

Missed.

Not until they had established control with their fourth goal after the interval did Ipswich produce their most ebullient football. The pitch being hardly condu-cive to intricate skills and accurate one-touch passes, Ipswich elected to keep things simple at the start, working the ball carefully upfield, risking little and rarely taking opponents on. No one adapted better to the new demands then

better to the new demands than Dutchman Initiated moves that led to Ipswich going ahead in the tenth minute. He was beloed by Curbishley, who should have done better than head his cross straight to the feet of Wark, who promptly dispatched his beenty-fourth and of the his twenty-fourth goal of the season high and wide of Wealands. Ipswich doubled their lead when O'Callaghan accepted Brazil's short

corner to cross for Burcher, who was unmarked, to score with a stooping header after 22 minutes. The talstake-making habit was catching. Within 60 mre seconds Worthington had got one back for Birmingham with a shot that Cooper allwed to spin through his doubtless frozen finger.

Mariner, also sensibly clad in gloves, restored Ipswich's two-goal advantage in the forty-first minute, shooting irresistibly home after dispossessing Todd. Muhren collected the fourth goal on the how after Burley had sent Brazil down the right wing to race past Hawker.

Birmirgham, frustrated as well

Hawker.

Birmingham, frustrated as well as bemused, had Aluscow cartioned for a foul on Mariner before Brazil went through the middle to score lpswich's fifth middle to score apswild a maling goal after being pur through by Wark.

PSWICH TOWN: P. Cooper: G. Burley. N. Nulls. F. Thilsson. R. Oaman. T. Buicher. J. Wart. A. Muhryn. P. Marner. A. Brach. K. O'Callaghan. Burkeinichtam Carry: J. Wallands: Burkeinichtam Carry: J. Wallands: O. Langan. P. Hawker. A. Curishbley.

For football new life begins at 59 with some nasty old habits

Liverpool take Maine Road revival test

Football Correspondent Manchester City tonight find themselves in the semi-final round of the Football League Cup with a home first leg-against Liverpool (7.45). Less than three months ago they were bottom of the first division and had just appointed. John Bond as manager in succesto Malcolm Allison Mr Bond's feats are almost enough to swing a debate on the generally unfortunate principle of chang-ing managers to obtain success. Since his arrival with the for-mer Norwich City youth team coach, John Benson, Mr Bond's coach, John Benson, Mr Bond's new ream have won nine first division matches, losing only three, have beaten Notts County and West Bromwich Albion to reach this stage of the League Cup and scored four goals against Crystal Palace in the third round of the FA Cup. They have also scored three goals or more on seven occasions.

By introducing some experi-enced players to assist the younger ones who had always hown good individual talent, Mr Snown good individual failed, as Bond has taken a more pragmatic line than his predecessor at Maine Road, but tonight's match is a sub-Road, but tonight's march is a sub-stantial test, not merely because Liverpool are the opponents. Three of his purchases, Ruchin-son. Gow and McDonaid are ineligible, as they were last month, when Albion were beaten 2—1 with Bennett obtaining the 2—1 with Bennett obtaining the second goal to maintain his record of scoring in every round.

Liverpool could be at their most dangerous, having on Saturday lost leadership of the first division to Aston Villa. They are also trying to win the only domestic trophy to have eliuded them. Financially, it is no longer posisble for them to look upon the competition as an inferior event not worthy of their full event not worthy of their full

concentration.

Their defeat at Villa Park was parity the result of having a rearranged defence but was essentially caused by the determination of their opponents to keep them under pressure.

Manchester City's need to follow similar tactics is especially important in view of Liverpool's experience at winning two-legged games when the second is at Anfield. There was encouragement for Liverpool yesterday when Thomp-son, the central defender who son, the central defender was broke a collarbone two mouths ago, and Fairclough, out since October with cartilage trouble, were fit enough to be considered

As Johnson's recent form has not been impressive. Mr Paisley may decide to include Fairclough as substitute, and there is little doubt that Thompson will appear, probably replacing Money, provided training is successfully completed.

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The City team will be further

pleted. The City team will be further depleted by the absence of Booth, who has a thigh injury, so Henry. Tueart and Bennett are expected to be recalled. A teenager, Buckley, is also in the party but not Duley, who remains out of fuvour. Despite the changes he will have to make, Mr Bond said: "There is no way we can backassed as underdogs: not even against Liverpool. Our recent results stand by anybody. We've a clear chance in this the and our players have as much confidence as any team in the Legue." Liverpool's last visit to Maire Road brought a 3—0 victury, but that was before the new broom.

Liverpool's FA Cup match against Everton at Goodison Park on Saturday week will be shown on closed circuit relevision at three sites in the city and one in Southport. Although the Football Association refused to allow an evening kick-off which would have allowed the manch to have been shown on screens at Antield, Viewsport have been given permission to show the game at the Liverpool Stadium, two cipemas in Liverpool and another in Southpool Stadium, two cipemas in Liverpool and another in South-port.

Yesterday's results

First division



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Mr Haig loses his temper at confirmation hearing

burglary at the Watergate Hotel to fulfil these obligations

From David Cross Washington, Jan 13

Mr Alexander Haig, the senior members of Mr Nixon's choice of Mr Reagan as his Administration were improper, Secretary of State today lost lilegal and immoral," he said. In his temper with Democratic members of the Senate foreign to the fundamental values I relations committee who are inchesian diversities for the fundamental values I cherish and we all share."

Nevertheless Mr. Nixon's senior members of Mr. Nixon's choice in the fundamental values I cherish and we all share." quiring into his suitability for

On the fourth day of his confirmation hearing on Capitol Hill, he initially resisted attempts by Senator Paul former Secretary of State. That Sarbanes of Maryland, in partimust be left to others and to cular, to persuade him to give a moral judgment on the Watergate affair. Mr Haig was President Nixon's White House chief of staff during the final days of thats candal,
But after telling Mr Sarbanes angrily that nobody had "a monopoly on virtue, not even you, Senator". He later took the unusual step of spelling out in great detail his distaste for the "abuses of power" which occurred during the Waterware grand? power which occurred during the Watergate scandal Lucidents like the original

complex and the subsequen cover-up of the break-in by senior members of Mr Nixon's

Nevertheless, Mr Haig told the confirmation hearing it was not up to him to sit in moral judgment on President Nixon or Dr. Henry Kissinger, the history, he said. The Secretary of State-

designate was, however, less willing to criticize some of his other past actions which have been condemned by some of his apponents. He cited, in particular, the decision to bomb North Vietnamese targets inside Cam-bodia and the 1972 move to bomb North Vietnam. vietnamese targets inside Cambodia and the 1972 move to bomb North Vietnam.

In conclusion he said that the United States, had a "special responsibility" to conduct itself with "bonow and generosity" and he promised to fulfil these obligations

Technological advances in because in have given Bangladesh a rice and wheat glut, but the country is still a long way from its target of self-sufficiency.

The aim during the next five years is to double food production to 26 million tons.

Bumper harvest in Bangladesh brings grain glut

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi, Jan 13 Nearly all shipments of food

to Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries and one of the largest recipients of food aid, have been halted while the country has a tem-porary large food surplus. Shiploads of grain have been diverted or deferred because warehouses and silos are already

Bangladesh is exporting of some point, too, was the re-birth of Brazil, who lost the final 2—1 to Uruguay for the special prize of a Gold Cup. Knocked off their perch as the prize of a cold Cup. of 200,000 tons of rice from India in rice. There was a sur-plus in 1976, but this is the first time that the country has been able to export grain.

Technological advances in

ago. Experience may be all they lack. Unchanged, however, were some of the degrading scenes of vio-lence on the field between hor-blooded South American elements which do not augur well for Latin-passion in Spain next year. Pre-dictable also were the usual accu-

The global game scores half a century sations of weak refereeing on this occasion, all of which raised echoes of the Initial World Cup of 1930, when Uraguay beat Argentina 4—2 at the climax before a 100,000 crowd in their new Centenario Studium in Monte-The fiftieth anniversary celebra-tion tournament of the World Cop-lo: past winners—excluding Eng-land, who refused the invitation for domestic reasons—held last week in Uruguay, the original hosts of 1930, once more under-lined the fact that European sides seem unable to survive in South America.

As soon as that final was over, the recriminations began. Argentina complained of Uruguayan brutality, and the referee was accused of being too one-sided. Giving vent to their feelings, an Argentine crowd stoned the Uruguayan consulate in Buenos Alres until police intervened, firing their rifles to disperse the anole. The way West Germany, un-beaten in the Old World for the past two years, Italy and Nether-lands—substitutes for England as defeated finalists of 1974 and 1978. were brushed aside by the big three of the New World was sig-micant, but reasonably predict-

moos.

Public demonstrations and viru-lent press comments also had their effect, with the result that the Argentine and Uruguayan federaprize of a Gold Cup. Knocked off their perch as champions in the past two global competitions. Brazil appear to have harvested a new young crop of artists who may become worthy to succeed the likes of Pele, Gerson. Tostao, Jairzinho and Rivelino of a decade the first World Cup, when only 13 traines compened. Now, well over 100 take part in the qualifying competition held at the four corners of the earth. Next year, when the twelfth championship is held in Spain, there will be 24 instead of 16 contestants for the final stages.

of 16 contestants for the that stages.

Looking across the last 50 years, it is clear that the World Cup has become a four-yearly trade fair, a shop window on the global game. Each one brings a general postmortem; a search for fresh ideas and trends. Frequently, a new.

In 1954, for instance, the memorable Hungarians—although beaten in the final through overconfidence-set a pattern with confidence—set a pattern with their deep-lying centre forward. The Brazilian success of 1958 in Sweden gave football a 4-24 alignment. By 1962 they had made that concept more fluid with victory in Chile. When England took the crown at home in 1966, the shape had changed to 4-3-3, which brought the demise of orthodox wingers and the emergence of full backs overlapping down the flanks. backs overlapping down the flanks. More and more, the trend had begun to veer towards the

Yet Brazil's third triumph of 1970 in Mexico revived one of the oldest tenets in the game: that attack is the best defence. Rowever, with the retirement of the great Pele, along with Gerson, Tostan and company, they, too, fell back on their heels, which is basically foreign to their nature. .

But natural footballers grow-like bananas in their land, and they may again be finding their true selves. Imagination with figi-is their instinctive style. It is acopyright worthy of their mighty football temple of Maracafa Stadium nesting under the shadow of Corcovado mountain.

in that first World Cup half a century ago only France. Belgium, Yugoslavia and Romania from Europe elected to attempt the trek into the unknown of South America. In Romania it needed the intervention of the monarch for his country to com-pete. King Carol, with a special passion for football, selected the Romanian side himself. Many of Romanian side himself. Many of the chosen players were employees of a British oil company, and as first, were refused leave for the long boat journey and an absence of two or three months. However, a telephone call from the king ironed out the difficulties.

On Sunday, July 13, 1930, the World Cup was born. But in England the historic moment went unnoticed. There was something quite different to occupy British sporting minds. The third Test sporting minds. The third Test match against Anstraliz was in progress at Headingley, and that weekend was dominated by the news of the remarkable "Boy" Bradman who had compiled an innings of 334 runs in a day, a world record for a Test at the

Football, some 8,000 miles away in high summer, with the sound of bat on ball and the scent of pew-mown grass in the air, somehow seemed to belong to a different world.

Geoffrey Green

Bowyer goes to Roker Park for £250,000

Ian Bowyer, Nottingham Forest's Ian Bowyer, Nottingham Forest's midfield player, signed for Standerland for \$250,000 yesterday. Bowyer, 29, will make his first appearance at Roker Park on Saturday against Manchester United. He has won a first division, two European Cup, three league championships and a European Cup Winners medal, and his experience will prove invaluable in Sunderland's fight against relegation.

relegation.

"It is a wrench to leave Forest but I believe that I am making the right move," said Bowyer. Ian Callaghan, the former Liverpool midfield player, has left Swansea City, by mutual consent, with the manager John Toshack, after two-and-a-half seasons with club. Callaghan, aged 38, arrived at Swansea with Tommy Smith to help Mr Toshak, their old Liver-

heip Mr Tosbak, their old Liverpool colleague take the Welsh clubinto the second division. Smith left
the club last year after recurring
injuries.

Callaghan, who still lives in
Liverpool, may next play in the
Norwegian league. "I have had
an offer to play in Norway but
I'm still thinking it over "he said.
Dutch coach resigns: Jan Swartkruis, the Netherlands coach, hat
resigned after criticism of his
team's performances in World Cup
qualifying matches and the Gold
Cup tournament in Uruguay. Mr
Zwartkruis. who had a contract
until July 1982, will step down on
Thursday.

Viceroys' Simla lodge destroyed

Delhi, Jan 13.-The centuryold former summer retreat of British Viceroys of India was destroyed by fire last night, the Press Trust of India reported.

The Viceregal Lodge, built on a Simla hillside and known as "Peter Hoff", with its teak-panelled rooms and valuable paintings, became the official residence of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh after inde-pendence in 1947.—Reuter.

Either it is the beginning of the end of Chinese-supported communist insurgency in Malaysia and the rest of South-

Whichever way it turns out, the arrival in Malaysia from Peking of Mr Musa Ahmad,

reaing of the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM), and his wife, Zeinah Binti Mahmoud, is an intriguing coup exercising the minds of government leaders and laymen throughout

The Malaysian Covernment,

not surprisingly, is using the return of Mr Musa as an illus-

tration of how demoralized the CPM has become and in a care-

fully orchestrated campaign is trying to persuade other cadres to turn themselves in from the

jungle regions on the border between Thailand and Malaysia

At the same time the Govern-

ment is using the defection as a reminder that the CPM is still in business, Mr Musa's tele-vision "confession" was designed to convince Malay-

sians that there is no real pros-pecr that China will cut off support for the CPM.

The arrival of Mr Musa serves

the Malaysians admirably; but

also the Chinese since it gives the impression, at least, that Peking is bonouring hints that it will consider cutting off sup-

which are their strongholds.

Singapore, Jan 13°

Marcos immunity decree

Manila, Jan 13.—President "whenever in his judgment ferdinand Marcos has decreed there exists a grave emergency immunity for himself, his and threat".

Cabiner "and all other public The decree is dated Septemofficers for acts performed in ber 12, 1980; but was released office" under emergency in complete form to members

office " under 'emergency powers which he can exercise even after martial law is lifted. today.

preventive arrests, close the mass media, control admissions to schools, and other measures

But it has been made clear to the Chinese of late, particularly during the visit of Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Singapore Prime Minister, late last year, that Peking could not continue to

Peking could not continue to expect to have good relations with governments while continuing to support insurgents dedicated to overthrowing them.

The Singapore delegation said they detected a subtle change in the Chinese position over the insurgents, while the Chinese observed it was not notsible to

observed it was not possible to reverse historic commitments in

a smort space of time.

It seems most unlikely that
Mr Musa's arrival in Kuala
Lumpur is directly linked to the
Lee talks since he would have

left the Chinese capital about the time of the visit. Mr Musa has been undergoing debriefing since his arrival in November. At first Mr. Musa and the Malaysian Government insisted

that the manner of his leaving

Peking was a secret—he gave a coy smirk when questioned about it on relevision. But now

government officials in Malay-sia claim that he was smuggled

out of the Chinese capital in a "thorough and detailed" plan two years after be had

first contacted the Malaysian

short space of time.

The decree is dated September 12, 1980, but was released in complete form to members of the National Assembly only

Earlier, official announce. The Public Safety Act, toments said an emergency gether with another document
national security decree; known called the National Security
as the public Safety Act, gives Act, spells out Mr Marcos's
Mr Marcos the power to make emergency powers after the lift-

That alone would seem to devalue the defection, but what further detracts from its glamour are the facts that Mr

Musa was little more than a figurehead in the movement. He

had played little part in the CPM for about 10 years and had been asking the Chinese

now, Mr Musa was by all accounts a fiery speaker and a brilliant student when he was

forced to return to his native

village at the age of 18 to avoid the press gangs of the Imperial Japanese Army.

Certainly it is too early to say whether or not Mr Musa's de-

of a radical new departure in the history of relations between China and South-East Asia. Other governments in the Association of South-East Asian

Nations (Asean) are prepared to wait and see whether Mr

But it is clear that the return

home of an old man and his wife has been a propaganda coup that has benefited both Peking and Kuala Lumpur.

allow him to leave since 1972. Silver-haired and chubby

Stenmark loses on course that halves slalom field

Oberstaufen, Jan 13.—Paul Frommelt, of Liechtenstein, beat, the Swedish double Olympic champion, Ingemar Stenmark, by a whister in a men's World Copsialom race today. The margin was two-hundredths of a second, in stark contrast to a women's race in Schruns, Austria, where Erika Hess, of Switzerland, was the winner by 1.73 seconds.

The men's contest took place on a course which knocked out 43 of the 89 starters in the first of the two runs. "The track is all broken up and full of holes, you simply can't sky your best on it.", Stenmark said after fluishing fourth, well behind Frommelt, on the first run. The race jury rejected a protest by all national team chiefs over the way the run was staked out.

The Swede, pursuing his fifty-sixth World Cup race victory, stormed back in the second run Malay defector a propaganda coup port for insurgent movements in the region.

The ability of the Malaysian.

Government to samggle a Malay out of Peking after he the end of Chinese-supported maintained the spurious position that communist insurgency in Malaysia and the rest of South-lic relations gesture or just a homesick old man coming home at last.

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and came within an ace of catching Frommelt. But he was full of praise for the winner afterwards.

Frommelt, third in the slatom world championship in 1978, has been superbly consistent, finishing in the first three in his last three outings. He leads the slatom section with 50 points, ahead of Stemmark, who has 45.

Stemmark, who has 45.

Stemmark, always extra formidable the second time, had the overall lead when Frommelt began his second run, but Frommelt kept his nerve on a day when only 35 of the starters completed both runs and held on to win.

and held on to win.

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Latest snow reports from Europe

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Light snow on hard base

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L. refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources.

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The first Swiss slalom win for three years

Schruns, Austria, Jan 13.—Erika Hess, aged 18, of Switzerland, dipped and darted down a mist-shrouded adaiom course to her first world cup victory today. Miss Hess, fourth after the first run, set an unbeatable pace through the 53 gates of the second descent amid swiring fog which often hid the track from view.

Her time of 47.43 sec, coupled with 42.85 sec for the first leg, gave her an aggregate of 1 min 30.28 sec and a substantial winning margin of 1.73 sec. The victory followed another by her team colleague, Doris de Agostini, in a downhill yesterday and was Switzerland's first world cup women's slalom success for three years.

Claudia Giordani, of Italy, fastest in the 51-gate first run in 42.59 sec, finished second in 1:32.01. The American, Tamara McKimney, was third, three-hundreiths of a second further back. Marle-Thérèse Nadig, of Switzerland, failed to finish today after being disqualified in yesterday's downhill, but she retains the world cup lead with 138 points. RESULTS: 1. E. Host (Switzerland). 132.03: a St. C. Giordani (linh): 132.03: a St. C. Giordani (linh): 132.03: a St. C. Mediancy (US): 132.03: a St. C. Mediancy (US): 152.03: a St. C. Giordani (linh): 132.03: a St. C. Mediancy (US): 152.03: a St. C. Giordani (Inh): 152.03

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Law court may be different venue for Crystal Palace

By Nicholas Harling The masters of matters on the playing court. Crystal Palace, may shortly be involved in a dispute of a vasily different nature, in the court of law.

The issue concerns not the club's men, whose two victories at the

The issue concerns not the club's men, whose two victories at the weekend took them back to the top of the National League, but two Australian international women who might now be with Crystal Palace Toppy's if the English Basket Ball Association had sanctioned their signings before Saturday's transfer deadline. Jenny Cheeseman and Pat Micken, who never appeared for Southgate Wisps, the club they originally joined in September, because the EBBA ordered their licences to be returned as their registration were invalid, have now placed the matter in the hands of their solicitor.

their solicitor.

If those girls are experiencing mental anguish, some of Palace's men are certainly suffering an equal amount of physical pain. Peter Jeremich's knee injury puts him out of the weekend matches and the second game against Tabot Guildford was also missed by their guard, Alton Byrd, who sprained an ankle after scoring 24 points at Stockport the previous evening. Byrd may well have to sit out next Saturday's match with

The British Boxing Beard of Cohrrol are likely to mark time on the question of John L. Gardner's proposed bout with Muhammad Ali at their monthly meeting in London roday. Against the board's wishes, Gardner's manager Micky Duff recently signed contracts for a bout with Ali, who they believe should not be allowed to continue boxing.

The board now have to decide whether to ban Gardner from going through with the contest for the good of boxing and risk running into legal problems involving.

Ray Clarke, the board's secretary, said no decision would be taken whether to supp Gardner until the board received a formal application from him.

Kelly Girl Kingston, but should be fit for the national cup final with Doncaster at Coventry on January 23. Palace are less optimistic that Jeremich will recover in time Jeremich; one of the Palace players who would be most affected should the EBBA impose restrictions on clubs employing players of dual nationality, may have his position resolved at the weekend. eekend.
The EBBA are proposing new

three-year residential qualifications to the national executive committee, which will permit players like Jeremich, his team colleague Dan Lloyd and Don Reid of Team Fiat to stay and play for their present clubs. They must, how-ever, spend at least 183 days in Britain for at least three of 10

Britain for at least three of 10 seasons.

Reid came his closest yet to finishing on the losing side in Fiat's game on Saturday. With two minutes left Sunderland were seven points ahead, Fiat having had both their top scorers John Stroeder (22 points) and Greg White (21) fouled out in addition to Neville Hopkins. Fiat still managed to win 100—38 in a breathless finish, which means that their mandefeated league record and the championship will almost certainly be at stake in their march at Palace on February 5.

Boxing

Board's next move on Ali

S. Korean next for Hagler

Seoul, Jan 13.—The South Korean middleweight Park Chong-Pal is next in line for a tilt at Marvin Hagler's undisputed world title, the South Korea Boxing Commission (KBC) said here today.

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The KBC said that Park would meet Hagler if the shaven headed Bostonian successfully defended against the Venezuelan challenger Fulgencio Obelmejas in his hometown this Saturday. The bout would take place somewhere in United States on March 22, the KBC said.

The 21-year-old South Korean, ranked third by the World Boxing World Boxing Council has defended the Oriental and Patific Boxing Federation title seventimes in 16 months.

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LEAGUE AND

Royal Free 10 Charing Cross 6 Royal Free beat Charing Cross by two penalty goals and a try to two penalty goals at Teddington yesterday to reach the second round of the Hospirals Cup rugby compension. Their next opponents will be St Bartholomew's at the King's College Hospital ground on lanuary 27.

The match began 20 minutes late, with Royal Free wearing most of the colours of the rainbow because their jerseys had not arrived Another 10 minutes went by before they did turn up, by which time Renfrew had given Royal Free the lead with a penalty from close range.

Royal Free, with a stop-gap stand-off half, Havard, played a doged game and seemed to have their teamwork in slightly better order than Charing Cross's. Ono Chan, their Chinese flank forward, chan, their Chinese Bank forward, who used to captain London University, made himself useful all over the field, appearing at canbe one moment, full back the next, and even throwing the ball in once at a lineout. A man for all positions, especially the unexpected. He limped off shortly before the end. Morris, at No 8. was another forward to do his bit and more.

Renfrew kicked another simple penalty, and Richards a longer one for Charing Cross, to make the half-time score 6—3 to Royal Free. Richards also hit a post.



Otto Chan, the everywhere man: the Chinese flanker pops up from nowhere at Teddington,

Hinchley scrambled back in the Hinchley scrambled back in the nick of time to prevent a Royal Free try after Ordey, the Charing Cross right wing, had thrown a pas; into the wilderness. Charing Cross's handling and passing were suspect throughout, which meant that some clever running by Alan Scourfield, in particular, went for angels.

Evans scored Royal Free's try in the second half, working a scissor; with Havard and then dodging through a crowd of player, to cross by the posts. Richards kicked his second penalty for Charing Cross soon afterwards, but Royal Free held out without overmuch difficulty, to earn their chance against bigger fry.

ming score came from a scrum-mage inside the St George's 22,

roage inside the St George's 22, Gordon-Brown starting a handling movement to the left that ended with Clark scoring in the corner, University College Hospitals, N. Toriot, K. Clark, S. J. Crom (captain), J. Hull, C. Wilson, M. Lowis, G. Dent, H. Howells, S. Garner, P. Willie, D. Cordon-Brown, P. Willie, C. Orgon, M. Lowis, P. Price, C. Green, M. Ford; P. O'Keetlo, M. Wolherspoon; A. Walls, P. Price, C. Green, M. Ford; P. O'Keetlo, M. Wolherspoon; S. Pratt, M. Pringle, E. Neale, T. Wrighnum, J. Sabbat, M. Roberts, D. Matthews, P. Hartsan (captain). Referee: G. Ellis (London).

Army Cup sponsors



Bedford release second choice Peck

In Peck, Cambridge University's scrum half and captain who has been kept out of Bedford's first toam this season by Nick Youngs, has been told he can leave the club. Bedford have had both players with them since they left school but now feel it would be unfair to hold on to both of them. They have decided that Youngs is their first choice scrum half and said yesterday: "The club would dearly love to retain the services if both players but recognizes that players of such quality need to play if both players but recognizes that players of such quality need to play such week at the highest level. Therefore it would be unfair to expect these players either to operate on a rota basis in the first team or for one of them to play permanently for the second team."

Peck is in his final year at Cambridge and Youngs is studying at Shuttleworth Agricultural College. Saracens field a full strength side, showing six changes from last weekend, for the home match against Moseley on Saturday. The full back Maynard, centre Smithers and strum half Milford all return after injury and Booty, Rooker,

and scrum half Milford all return after injury and Booty. Rooker, laszczak, second row forward, and Kesy No 8, are available again. Waspa make three changes for their home game against Gloucester. Stringer returns at full back for Evans, Cole takes over from Beil on the wing and Perkins comes in for Bruce at centre. Gloucester Rugby Club expect record receipts for the Thorn County Championship final on

Try in injury time finally brings reward to UCH three lengthy penalty attempts, one of them hitting an upright, and two speedy dashes by Clark to the corner had almost brought tries for UCH. During the wave upon wave of second half attacks by UCH Torlot once sent Ramshaw across the line, but the finnker dropped the ball before he could touch down. Twelve minutes remained when Gordon-Brown picked up from the back of a ruck near the line and scored a try. Crean was wide with the conversion from the rouchline and then narrowly failed with two long-range penalty attempts. The eleventh hour winning score came from a scrum-

By Richard Streeton UCH 8 St George's 6

A try in the sixth minute of injury time finally rewarded ceaseless second half pressure by University College Huspital yesterday in this first round Hospitals Cup tie at Cobham, which they won by two tries to a goal. Usuff then it seemed that the grit of St George's in defence was going to be enough for them to succeed against the run of play.

St George's were first to settle in the bitter cold and wind and briefly looked a well organized and committed side; gradually, though, the UCH forwards assumed control. For a time their backs kicked too much, but

backs kicked too much, but throughout the second half they used the their possession more Long before the end St George's were conducting almost continuous rearguard actions near their own line. In these Harrison and Roberts worked endlessly, and Price and Patterson too covered and worked endlessly, and Price and Patterson, too, covered and Patterson, too, covered and Patterson, too, covered and Patterson, too Cark ran with constant threats on the left; and Gordon-Brown, the number eight, in tight and loose was the dominant figure in the

Slattery will go to South Africa with Irish

Fergus Slattery, the Irish cap-tain, who decided not to go to South Africa with the British Lions last year because of business com-mitments, will be available for Ireland's controversial short tour there in May.

The 31-year-old Dublin estate agent revealed his desire to play the Springboks when he previewed this season's five nations championship.

Slattery, the world's most capped flonker, with 45 appearances for Ireland and four for the Lions on their unbeaten tour of South Africa in 1974, said: "The Lions tour last year meant taking for more time off work than I could afford. But as soon as a heard that Ireland's visit was on ne to go

me to go.

Slattery will be casting a keen eye on this weekend's two matches.

I will be absolutely amazed if England win the Grand Slam again. They will find it really hard on Saturday and I think Wates will win, although it chould be served. think Wales will win, although it should be very close. I was not surprised Wales made the changes they did. They needed to make them after losing to heavily to the All Blacks, but it's questionable whether they have the right formula just yet. England are a good side and will be herd to beat all season."

Hockey

High-geared machine outpaces . **Pakistan**

From Sydney Friskin

Karachi, Jan 13 Pakistan 3

Australia achieved a great vic-tory over Pakistan here roday in the third champions trophy hockey tournament, sponsored by PIA, and so brought about the second defeat of the world champions. detect of the world champions. They were beaten earlier in the week by the Netherlands, who in the second match today, drew 4—4 with West Germany to put themselves in a winning position with five points from three matches. They play Spain tomorrow and England on Friday.

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Pakistan's last defeat by Austra-lia was in the semi-final round lia was in the semi-final round of the 1976 Olympic tournament in Moureal. Since then Pakistan had beaten Australia four times on the last occasion by 3—1 in Kuala Lumpur last April. So Australia had a few old scores to settle and they did so today with a rousing display of speed and stickwork. The limitations of Pakistan's deep defence were exposed by the high-geared Australian forwards, particularly Thornton and Charlesworth. By the tenth minute of the second half Australia had taken a commanding 4—1 lead and aithough Pakistan made a spirited recovery an Australian victory was never in doubt. The Pakistan manager Tariq Aziz admirted that his team did not play well.

lis team did not play well.

Irvine's conversion of a short corner in the elevents minute spurred Australia to nobler deeds and a move initiated by Beil sent Thornton through to score in the thirtieth minute. Kalcemullah, who did not have a particularly good game, scored with a strong angular shot from a scramble a mitute before half time.

But Kalcemullah's goal, far from inspiring his team, called for greater endeavour from Australia and in the early minutes of the second half Thornton and Charlesworth seized chances to score from close range. Pakistan's forwards established better understanding about midway in this period and Hanif drove a hard shot into goal from a pass by Ouries Lobel Lance to the second half drove a hard shot into goal from a pass by

period and Hami urove a naru shot inno goal from a pass by Quaiser Iqbal, who had come in as a substitute. Seven minutes before the end Hauif scored again after Kaleemullah bad swunz at the ball and missed but Australia had no more anxiety.

If the local crowd were dis-appointed with the result of the earlier match they were delighted with the one that followed. It was with the one that followed. It was a pleasure to see young players runding into the opposition and displaying exceptional skills. The Netherlands took a 2—0 lead through Bouwman and Doyer. Then Peter brought the Germans back into the game by converting a penalty stroke and a short corner.

corner.
In the tenth minute of the second half Kruize converted a penalty stroke but their lead was cancelled out when the umpire cancelled out when the umpire allowed Blother to score from a sbort corner after an incorrect hand stop. The Germans then went ahead with a goal by Peter from a short corner but in the last couple of minutes Kruize saved the match for the Dutch Australia G. Reid: J. Irvine. G. Duyes. D. Bell. T. Smith. G. Boyce. T. Walsh. C. Batch. W. Thornton. R. Charles D. Bell. T. Smith. G. Boyce. T. Walsh. C. Batch. W. Thornton. R. Charles D. Bell. T. Smith. G. Boyce. The Control of the Control

Cricket

N Zealand's one-run win improves chances of qualifying for finals

From Dilip Rao Sydney, Jan 13

This high-scoring maten in the Beason and Hedges World Series cup competition contained all the ingredients that makes a classic overs-limit game. There was some splendid batting on both sides, the initiative changed hands sides, the initiative changed hands many times and the issue remained open until the very last ball. Australia, who had looked certain winners until four overs from the end, would have been content even to equal New Zealand's score of 220, for, in this situation, they would have got the one point needed to take them into the \$25,000 final, to be played over fire matches.

With their glorious win, New Zealand have greatly enhanced their chances of qualifying. They could do so even if they lost their two remaining matches one against two remaining matches one against India, whom they play next, on Thursday in Bristrane. In case of a tie of points between them and India, the decisive factor would be the scoring rate and currently they lead India by a long way in this sphere.
Considering the beavy setbacks

Considering the heavy setbacks they have suffered on this tour and the fact that they were without a leading bowler in Troup, who has gone home injured, New Zealand today were resilient and remained calm through every crisis with Howarth leading them in expert fashion. The first crisis struck New Zealand quite early in the match. Having elected to bat first they lost Edgar and Howarth in getting their first 30 runs. But Wright raised their fortunes with a mature intings of 78 which ended at 176 in the 43rd over.

Wright was sixth out and in less than another three overs, New Zealand slumped to 191 for eight Zealand slumped to 191 for eight but lan Smith, pressed into ser-

Zealand had made enough runs to put Australia under pressure. A second wicket partnership of Se in 15 overs between Wood and Greg Chappell gave the Australian innings a sound foundation. Chappell from a poor shot was third out at 90 just as the innings approached the half way mark.

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The issue was thrown wide open The issue was thrown wide open when the fourth and flith wickers, those of Hughes and Trevor Chappell fell within a run of each other, at 122 and 123. But Walters had already got established and Marsh soon mounted a furious offensive with Marsh in the forefront, the sixth wicket pair added 78 from 15 overs and the march seemed as good as over when Marsh, who made 49 off when Marsh, who made 49 off 48 balls was late with a hook at

48 balls was late with a hook at Hadlee and was caught behind. At this point, Australia wanted only another 20 from 21 balls.

The gap narrowed to 18 from the last two and eight from the final one, bowled by Snedden, a young seam bowler who has bowled with improving control from match to match.

match.
Graf faced the bowling at the start of the last over, he failed to make contact with the first bail, but five more runs were strainbled in various ways before Walters faced the last ball, with three runs wanted for a win, He pulied at it and Hadlee dived to make a stop. Still sprawled out, he got the ball back to the bowler's end before Graf could make his ground at the bowler's end and New Zealand had scored their second win in consecutive

their second win in consecutive marches.

The Australian Cricket Board today announced fines for slow over rates in this series. The fines have been introduced because the

vice due to an injury. to Lees, played most resourcefully to make 23 off only 19 balls and New Zealand had made enough runs to put Australia under pressure. A second wicket parmership of S6 in 15 overs between Wood and Greg Chappell gave the Australian innings a sound foundation. Chappell from a poor shot 14 9 overs were bowled, a \$600

three-and-a-half hours session would be penalized.

If 49 overs were bowled, a 5600 penalty would be deducted from that team's price money for the match. For each over less than 49 overs bowled, the penalty would be an additional 51,200 per over until that team's prize money had been exhausted. There will be provision for the penalty to be reviewed if the batting side engages in time wasting activities.

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The star that brought down Indians in the last act

Canberra, Jan 13.—The Indians bad a further humiliation here today when the Australian Capital Terrnory (ACI) beat them in a territory (ACI) best them in a two day single innings match. ACT batted all day to make 304 for six in reply to India's first innings of 302 for six declared. The game is not officially recorded as a win for the ACT, but when the all-rounder Neil Bulger hammered a houndary test after the stimulated boundary just after the stipulated closing time it was treated as if it were a first class victory by the local crowd. The umpires con-timed the match after the closing time to allow the Indians to bowl 20 overs in the last hour.

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Bulger, a 29-year-old Aboriginal had an excellent match for he bowled aplendidly in India's innings with his left arm medium pace and then today hit an unbeaten 57 in only 76 minutes with one six over the midwicket fence and five boundaries.

The Indian attack was hampered today by the absence of their allrounder Kapil Dev, who bowled only four overs this morning before retiring from the field with a virus.

overs to finish with four for 87 without ever threatening to bring about a collapse, ACT's openers Khan (69) and Campbell (28) shared a dour first wicker stand of 58 in 135 minutes to pave the way for the first innings lead. Rogers drove the ball stylshy for his 53 in only 67 minutes

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The Indians fly to Sydney tomorrow for their ilmited over game against Australia, but the crucial match for the tourists will be the final qualifying match of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup competition against New Zealand in Brisbane on Sunday.

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Supporters pay £50,000 for ground cover

Warwickshire's Supporters As Warwickshire's Supporters Association say they have to foot a bill of nearly £50,000 for a new automatic covering system at Edgbasion. Starting with the county champioushin fixture against yorkshire on May 6, Warwickshire's groundsman, Bernard Flack, will be able to cover over more than three acres of the playing area in 12 minutes at the push of a button. The secretary, Alan Smith, confirming the club's order for the

The secretary, Alan Smith, con-firming the club's order for the first cricket cover of its type in the world, said: "We are not going out on a limb at this stage, but our aim is to convince the public that there will be cricket at Edgbaston next summer unless it is raining." it is raining."

Warwickshire were planning to finance the installation from club funds.

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The county needed ites per-mission to use the system which entails a giant roller taking the cover over the match pitch at a pressure of one pound a square inch. Technically, this is contrary ther flome game against Gloucesters. Stringer returns at full back for Evans, Cole takes over from Seli on the wing and Perkins Country for Evans, Cole takes over from the content in the fifth minute of the distillers, Whyte and Country frecord receipts for the Thorn Country (Pampionship final on Sturday, January 31 when Sturday, January 31 when Gloucestershire, last year's beattern Northumber-Gloucestershire, last year's beattern northumber of the fleid to the flow of the fleid with a tirus of the Regular Army, is one of the fleid with a tirus of the Regular Army, is one of the fleid with a tirus of the Regular Army, is one of the fleid with a tirus of the Regular Army, is one of the fleid with a tirus of the Regular Army, is one of the fleid with a tirus of the Regular Army, is one of the fleid with a tirus of the Regular Army, is one of the fleid with a tirus of the Regular Army, is one of the fleid with a tirus of the fleid with a tirus of the fleid with a tirus of th

Snowtown Boy could leave Irish out in the cold

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent With £20,000 added to the sweepstakes, the Lambert and Butler Premier Steeplechase flual will be the most valuable race ever run at Ascot over jumps on Sarurday, always assuming that the cold snap which pur paid to both of yesterday's two meetings and to Pimpton's Card today as well does not persist. well, does not persist.

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Sponsored by W. D. & H. O. Wills, this series has been in existence since 1970. But until this season, it was known as the Embassy Premier Steeplechase, and in that guise the final always took place at Haydock Park. The title changed when the sponsors decided to stage the final at Ascot linder its former hanner, the decided to stage the final at Ascot
Under its former banner, the
final was won four times by horses
trained in Ireland, and with three
Irish runners among the nine
acceptors at yesterday's four-day
forfeit stage, that Country's
stables are particularly well
represented again. If the antepost
book opened yesterday by the
William Hill. Organisation is anything to go by, only Fred Winter's
runner Snowtown Boy is capable
of preventing the Irish entries
from finishing first, second and
third.
No trainer has a better record

No trainer has a better record in the race than Winter, who has won it three times, initially in 1974 with Credibility; again two years later with Floating Pound, and most recently in 1978 with The Dealer. In Snowtown Boy Winter service a worther favourity. Winter trains a worthy favourite. He has had the final in the fore-front of his mind for Snowtown Boy ever since he won his quali-fying race at Lingfield Park at the beginning of December.

Hills make the grey favourite to improve his trainer's record at 2-1. Then they go 100-30 Royal Bond, 7-2 Royal Dipper, and 5-1 Light the Wad. They are the three Irish acceptors. Royal Rond, who were the consider streed at who won the qualifier staged at Ascot in October, is trained by Arthur Moore, whose lare and much respected father. Dan, trained L'Escargot to win the first final at Haydock in 1970, not to mention the Gold Cup of that and the following year, and the Grand National in 1975.

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National in 1975.

Royal Bond appeared to have luck on his side when he qualified for the final, because three of his most dangerous rivals all fell. However, he still promises to be a tough nut to crack because he did well for a comparative beginner to win a sponsored handicap steeplechase at Fairyhouse five weeks ago.

five weeks ago.

Corals, who are also betting on the race antepost, are clearly of the opinion that Royal Bond will be a thorn in Snowtown Boy's side, because they will lay no more than 5-2 against him winning. On the other hand, they are offering more generous odds than Hills (9-2) against Royal Dipper, who was far from disgraced in his last race considering that he was taking on such accomplished ins last race considering that he was taking on such accomplished jumpers as Chinrullab, Tied Cottage, and Anaglogs Daughter. In his previous race, Royal Dipper had beaten the third Irish acceptor, Light the Wad, by six lengths, but on Soturday he will be meeting Light the Wad on 10 lb

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American entry in record field at Leopardstown

The American-trained horse Martie's Anger is among a record entry of 53 for the £15,000 Erin Foods Champion. Hurdle as Winter of the Colomai cup in-1979 and nine other races, but still a maiden over hurdles, Martie's Anger is trained in South Carolina by Jonathon Shepherd, who is also the part owner. " Bill Pape, the other co-owner

"Bill Pape, the other co-owner and myself are very keen to run the horse at Leopardstown", Mr Shepherd said, "but a lot will depend on the winter, which can be quite severe over here." The horse will then be moved to Tim Forster to be prepared for Cheltenham and one other race in England, perhaps at Liverpool. England, perhaps at Liverpool.

English entries for the Champion Hurdle include Pollardstown,
Celtic Ryde and the 1979 winner
Connaught Ranger, third behind
Carrig Willy in the Sweeps Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown,
Carrig Willy and the 1977 winner
Master Monday are among the
Irish-trained entries, which also
include other Cheltenham hopefuls
in Daring Run and Chinrullah. in Daring Run and Chinrullah.
There are four other English entries: Mount Harvard, trained by Nicky Henderson and three from the Derek Kent's stable—Jogador. Full Sutton and Ivareen.

Frost affects course.

There will be an inspection at 7.30 this morning to see whether racing will be possible at Kelso, though the Clerk of the Course, Bill McHarg, is optimistic about it going ahead. Today's races at Planeton have been abandoned because of frost in the ground.

Lincolnshire (Chicago) girl Briton aims to tame wild waters

winning \$40,000.

A schoolgirl from the Chicago suburb of Lincolnshire, Miss Jaeger had reached the final with a superb three-set upset of the Czechoslovak, Martina Navratiova, on Saturday night, but she had no answer to the ground-troke power of Miss Austin.

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They traded service breaks at the beginning, then Miss Austin, thumping her drives deep into the corners of the court, broke Miss Jaeger in the fourth and sixth games for a commanding 5—1 lead. Miss Jaeger broke back in the seventh, but lost her service for the fourth time in the set when she lut a forehand down the line inches long to give Miss Austin a one-set advantage.

Rugby League Oxley will tell

RFU about French situation

After a weekend in France reading newspaper accounts of the "deplorable conduct" of the international centre, Jean-Marc Bourret, and accusations of rampant professionalism in French Rugby Union, the secretary general of the Rugby League, David Oxley, is to write to the Rugby Football Union "simply pointing out the situation between Rugby Union and Rugby League in France"

Union and Rugby League in France "
Mr Oxley has been angered by the behaviour of Bourret, a feeling shared by French Rugby League officials and supporters. Bourret recently accepted a Rugby League award on a Friday evening, played for France against New Zealand on Saturday and signed for the Rugby Union club, Perpignan, on Sunday after ellegady pocketing a signing on fee of £2,000.

"Other French Rugby League players have been approached by French Rugby Union clubs", Mr Oxley said. "The French newspapers refer to professionalism in the French Rugby Union game quite openly and the Rugby League newspapers and magazines.

League newspapers and magazines are saying things like Bourret be forgotten?":

Mr Oxley pointed out that in 1931 France had been expelled from the international champion-

of the second set, but was broken again two games later. Miss Austin had a break point against her in the next game but survived it to go in front 4—1. Miss Jaeger won her service a second time, then after Miss Austin held her service for 5—2 she broke Miss Jaeger for the sixth time in the match to ensure victory.

The tournament brought together the top eight women in the 1980 international series points standings, but while the rest of the cream of women's tennis falthe cream of women's tennis fal-tered here, Miss Austin was in top form and won the championship

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Rackets

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Crawley relies on instinct of a gambler By Roy McKelvie

By Roy McKeivie

Randail Crawley is a player of considerable talent but short of concentration as occasionally he showed in the anateur rackets singles championships at Queen's Club, London yesterday. He might claim that deep attention to the job in band did not marter too much when beating Julian Paul, one of four rackets playing brothers and a father as well, by 15—6, 15—12, 15—13 but other 15-6, 15-12, 15-13 but other and bigger occasions have seen his mind wander.

Paul is the original double-handed backhand player and he can hit hard on that wing though, perhaps, too much round the walls. His main weakness was his service from the forehand court.
The ball often came out into the court presenting Crawley with a clear stroke and an opponent who had neither time nor space to

reach the return.

Paul led 10—4 in the second game and never really looked like going much further. He recovered to 13-13 in the third game when Crawley, confidence or his gamb-ler's instinct emerging, decided not ler's instinct emerging, decided not to set. It came off. Crawley is the youngest player to win the schools singles championship while at Harrow. He was 16 and three months whereas this scasson's winner James Male, of Radley, was six months older.

Paul Nicholls, Crawley's next opponent, beat Peter Seabrook by 15—7, 15—9, 15—4 in a match lacking flow or rhythm. Rather, it was a succession of services or strokes and few rallies. RESULTS: J. C. A. Leulie beat C. M. Ohison, 15-6, 18-5, 1-13, 17-14. P. C. Nicholis beat P. G. Seabrook, 15-7, 18-4, 20-4; R. A. Crewley beat M. J. I. Paul 15-6, 15-12. 13-13.

David Taylor's goal is to be a world champion canoeist

There are at least 70,000 active canoeists in Britain that the BCU knows about through club affiliations, and countless others who do not take part in organized competition. Taylor is one of several British canoeists who have shown themselves able tu hold their own in the highest spheres against rivals from Europe. Canada, New Zealand and other piaces where the natural terrain lends itself more to wild water racing than in Britain.

Taylor won the pre-world cham-Among sports that put a man's courage and skill at stake against nature and the elements there are few more spectracular and testing than the form of canoeing known as wild water racing. Like fell running, mountaineering or potholing, its devotees are individualists: untarious and unions they share a its devotees are individualists: unknown and unsung they share a
physical hardness and a single
mindedness far beyond the norm.
Such a man is David Taylor, a
22-year-old Gateshead canoeist,
who will start favourite to beat
the hundred or so representatives
from some 20 countries, and win

racing than in Britain.

Taylor won the pre-world championships title at Bala this year on the river Tryweryn by the incredible margin of 23 seconds from another Briton, Robert Campbell, of Bedford, Normally there are only a few seconds between competitors, but Taylor's time of 26min 29.3sec left him a man apart. It was like an Olympic 10.000 metres winner finishing a lap or more ahead.

Taylor had been laid off from from some 20 countries, and win the single-man kayak title, when the wild water world championships take place this summer at Bala, North Wales.

In wild water canoeing the competitors in turn descend about six miles of fast flowing river, and the more rocks, rapids, swirling undertows and other hazards there are, the better. The idea is to test a man's ability to handle his kayak in the most arduous conditions possible. Basic requirements are a cool head and the ability "to read" the water.

As Taylor points out: "At championship level it is not often that anyone capsizes. It is more a Taylor had been laid off from his work as an assistant instructor to apprentices at a Gateshead engineering firm in the two months before the event. "I had been having a dismal time on the European circuit and I sank all my frustrations in the sport, and at work, into preparing harder than ever before. There was nothing else to do and I really enjoyed myself. The continentals

championship level it is not often that anyone capsizes. It is more a question of aggression and skill; you are taking on the river and the fittest and strongest man will have the fastest time if be gets everything else right."

The British Canoe Union will have the honour of being the first national association to stage the world championships in all three disciplines in one season. The wild water and slalom events are at Bala from July 15 to 24 and the flat water sprint racing events are at Holme Pierrepoint. Nortingham, from July 28 to August 2. The BCU have code-named the season "Canoe '81" and hope the televised toverage and numerous other events connected with the were shaken by my margin of victory and it has left me with a great psychological advantage." British enthusiasts had known of Taylor's potential for much longer. He first took up canoeing at school the bad a consistent record in junior competitions and managed the progression to water sprint racing events are at Molme Pierrepoint. Nottingham, from July 28 to August 2. The BCU have code-named the season "Canoe '81' and hope the televised toverage and numerous other events connected with the three championships will give British canoeing a boost.

managed the progression to senior events more smoothly than many. Originally he was a shlom specialist but switched to wild water racing when he became irked by the chanciness of slatom events. "One mistake perhaps not entirely of your own making, and you hit a post and hours of training are wasted."

It was in the 1979 world championships in Quebec that the rest of the world became aware of Taylor. His ninth placing was far higher than expected. He was also in the British team which won a bronze medal in the team event; they missed first place by 1.2 seconds. Since then Taylor has travelled extensively, broadening his competitive experience and absorbing the lessons from all sorts of conditions. sorts of conditions.

The river Tryweryn at Bala where Taylor seeks the world title lies immediately downstream of the man-made Llyn Celyn reservoir, which the Welsh Water voir, which the Weish Water. Authority have guaranteed with discharge whatever flow of water is needed to ensure a successful charapionship. It is a thinking man's course calling for skill and technique, as much as power and strength, and should suit Taylor's style.

He is up at 5 am on most days, for road running (he competes in half-marathons with a local club to vary his schedules) and twice-daily he goes to Chester-le-Street for endurance work at canoeing, Miles upon miles of paddling, mark his routine training with other rights of the streethes of the other visits to stretches of the Tees for rough water practice. He estimates that he drives some 35,000 miles a year for training and competitions.
Recently Taylor has acquired a local sponsor to help with his expenses, Messrs Silverscreen (Fine Screen Prints) Ltd, whose

managing director, Keith Wickham, is a former holder of the British slalom title. Taylor is also having a £500 boat built specially for his world title race. Made from kevlar it will weigh only 15ib and he will not use it until the day of the race. One way and another it will not be for want of planning and dedication if Britain does not have a world champion next July.



Plain sailing: the man from Gateshead on course for Bala.

Kelso programme

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has to bend the knee

Landover, Maryland, Jan 13.—
Tracy Austin, aged 18, beat of the second set, but was broken again two games later. Miss feed tournament. The older girl overwhelmed the younger with another demonstration of her prowess at the baseline game. Her victory earned her \$75,000, Miss Jaeger held her service for the second game of the second set, but was broken again two games later. Miss feel in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the second game of the second set, but was broken again two games later. Miss feel in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the second game of the second set, but was broken again two games later. Miss feel in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the second set, but was broken again two games later. Miss feel in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the second set, but was broken again two games later. Miss feel in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the second set, but was broken again two games later. Miss feel in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the second set, but was broken against her in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the second set, but was broken against her in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the second set, but was broken against her in the next game but survived it to go in front 4-1. Miss Jaeger held her service for the first time in the second set of the second set of the first time in the second set of the second set of the first time in the second set of th winning \$40,000.

By Keith Macklin . After a weekend in France read-

was one of the greatest league players in France, now he must

ship after accusations of profes-sionalism, and Rugby League in France was born. The venue for the John Player Trophy final has been confirmed as Central Park, Wigan, on Satur-day, January 24.

Income tax decisions have not yet been taken

about leaks about income tax deci-sions in the next Budget, because

time.

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab) had asked: Would the Prime Minister care to give us some help about some matters for which she is responsible? Could she give us some guidance about the latest bath of Cabinet leakages and tell us whether the statement that there is to be no increase in Income tax in the next Budger is due to the Chancellor anticipating his Budget statement or to a leak?

Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C): These are leaks about decisions which have not yet been taken.

Mr Foot; Will she tell us whether we should attach any significance at all to thic?

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I know that the word "leakage" is too delicate for her, but can she give us any indication whether there is any foundation for these matters which have been in the need? in the press?
Mrs Thatcher: I can reassure Mr
Foot that I am not worried about
so-called leaks—(Laughter)—
about decisions which have not

Mr Foot: Maybe the fact that she

leader of the leakers. She was the one who told the world about the "wets" and their performance in the Cabinet. We only want to know which side they are on and whether they are winning.

Mrs Thatcher: The Government is winning. (Laughter.)

Dr Shirtey Summerskill (Halifax, Lab): As Mrs Thatcher stated on relevision that leaks do not make for efficient Cabinet government, is she now denying there have been any in recent months? any in recent months?

As she camot, she should spend time tracking down the mole or moles among her ministers. Mrs Thatcher: I have more impor-tant things to do.

MP's privilege complaint

The allegation of a Labour MP that Mr Iar MatGregor, Chairman of the British Steel Corporation, had threatened to end investment in his constituency if he persisted with criticisms in Parliament is to be departed to Parliament, is to be debated to-day (Wednesday).

day (Wednesday).

The Speaker, Mr George Thomas said: I have received a letter from Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workingson, Lab) on a question of privilege. He alleges that at a meeting he had with the Chairman of the British Steel Corporation in December last year, Mr MacGregor Informed him that if he persisted in making criticisms and attacks on the Corporation in Parliament, further investment in Workington would be ended. in Workington would be ended.
If this is so, I am satisfied that precedence ought to be given. I therefore give precedence over the orders of the day tomorrow a motion relating to Mr

Election of parent governors will be kept under review

said at question time that he would why take up the time of the keep under review the possibility of setting a time limit for the implementation by schools of the provisions of the Education with immediate effect?

Mr. Carliele 7 do not accept that.

Mr Gerrard Neale (North Cornpresent proposals were for the implementation of those parts of the Act concerning parental choice and participation in schools. and participation in schools.

Mr Carlisle (Runcorn, C): The school admission provisions of the Education Act, 1980, were brought into effect last October and will first apply to admissions to schools in the autumn of 1982.

The sections of the Act would

The sections of the Act provid-ing for the election of parent and teacher governors will be brought into effect by about Easter. For existing schools, compliance with the new provisions will initially be voluntary, but I shall keep under review the possibility of setting a date by when it will be made compulsory, in the light of the progress made voluntarily and the availability of resources.

Mr Neale: Would be also re-affirm his support for parents who wish to participate further in the raising of voluntary aid and giving volunof voluntary and and giving volun-tary service to state schools and confirm that if necessary he will amend the 1944 Act to make it possible for local education auth-orlies to accept such aid voluntar-

Mr Carlisle : It is right to welcome any voluntary support that parents may wish to give towards the pro-vision of their children's schools. At a time when finance is necessarily restrained, to discourage such support will do a disservice to education.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Is not the reality of his original answer that the much-vaunted right of parents to be members of school governing

Mr. Mark Carlisle, Secretary of bodies will not come into effect, in State for Education and Science, the vast majority of schools, for many years?

with immediate effect?
Mr Carlisle: I do not accept that. He will find that what I have just said is totally consistent with what I said at second reading of the Bill. There are 26,000 primary and secondary schools. It is impossible to get them all to change their instruments of government overnight.

I said during the second reading debate that I was not proposing to set down a time limit in the first place, but would rely upon them to carry that out voluntarily.

If they do not move in that direction and if I believe their delay is unnecessary I will review the situation and consider whether I ought to impose a compulsory timetable, which the Act gives me power to do.

Mr William Shelton (Lambeth, Streatham, C): Parental choice must depend on knowledge and to some extent on the publication of examination results. Mr Carlisle: Choice must depend on informed knowledge. Part of that informed knowledge should be knowledge about the academic standards of the school.

Mr Allen McKay (Penistone, Lab): In my constituency, where, due to Government stringency in finance, eight primary schools are closing, the term "parental choice" falls strangely on people's ears.

Mr Carlisle: The drop in the number of children of school age, particularly in the inner city areas—and we shall see 30 to 40 per cent fewer children of school age within the next decade—is bound to mean the closing of a certain number of primary schools if we are to leave schools of suffi-

Visit to Afghanistan by Labour MPs deplored

The matter was raised by Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C), who asked Mrs Thatcher to confirm or contradict a report on East German radio that there was dismay in Whitehall over the visit of three Labour MPs to

Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C): It is deplorable that MPs should give aid and comfort to a regime which is kept in power by 80,000 to 90,000 Soviet troops, and 10 per cent of whose people have found it necessary to flee the country as refugees.

Afghanistan last week was deplored by the Prime Minister during question time. She did not respond to an invitation to coudemn also a Conservative visit to Zaire.

Afghanistan, one of the three visitors to Afghanistan, said: Does that answer mean that Mrs Thatcher will never on any occasion visit the Soviet Union? Does she imply that the three Labour MPs went with closed minds? Conservative MPs: Yes.

> the Conservative MPs who visited the military dictatorship of Zaire during the recess? Mrs Thatcher: The visit was to an

> independent country now occupied by Soviet troops. That occupation has been condemned not only by the whole Western world but by many son-aligned countries. Mr Roberts: And by me. Mrs Thatcher: To go there is to

Mr Roberts: Will she also condemn the Conservative MPs who visited

close to school ratio target

The Government's plans provided The Government's plans plans for an overall pupil-teacher ratio of 18.8 in nursery, primary and secondary schools in England in January this year, and present indications were that the outturn would be very close to that figure. Mir Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during questions.

Mr William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C): If effective educational provision can at least partly be measured by the pupilicacher ratio, in spite of present teacher ratio, in spite of present economic difficulties, is that figure not an encouraging one to those concerned with education?

concerned with education?

The Carlisle (Runcorn, C): It is, it is lower than the figure we inherited. The figure the year before last was 18.9. Last year it was 18.8. This year it will be somewhere near 18.8; my prediction would be slightly less than that.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C): As the ratio in 1970 was 22.7 has there been a massive increase in education standards since then? If not, why not revert to 22.7 and save £400m of public money?

Mr Cartisle: No. If we look at any par cartisle: No. If we look at any prediction over the years we would find, on most measurable circumstances you can take, that there has been a continuing, gradual improvement, particularly effected by raising the school leaving age which occurred before the date he mentioned.

mentioned.

I am not saying the pupil-teacher ratio is the only thing that matters, but I am entitled to say, in view of continual Labour criticism, that we should keep restrictions on financial spending in perspective in what is happening in the schools. Mr Neil Kinnock, chief Opposition spokesman on education (Bedwellty, Lab): Putting these restrictions into perspective, does he think the favourable trend of pupil-teacher ratios will be maintained when the school population falls by an estimated 13 per cent and the number of teachers falls by an estimated 12 per cent? To use his own words at the end of last year, that will reduce the quality of education.

his own words at me that or last year, that will reduce the quality of education.

Or does he acknowledge that, in the words of the Senior Chief Inspector of schools, Miss Sheila: Brown, it will be a miracle if the curriculum remains unscathed?

It is time he stopped talking about the prospect of maintaining the quality and standards of education while cutting the standard of school provision.

Mir Carliste: If he wishes to quote Miss Brown he should do it correctly. She did not use those words he put into her mouth.

On the pupil teacher ratio, while I still have to have further talks with the local authority associations on the 1980-81 figure, I would expect it to be very much the same as I announced.

Mr' Kinnock: I understand she actually said "It will be a miracle if we can maintain the level of the standard of the same actually said." It will be a miracle if we can maintain the level of the standard of the same and the same and the same actually said. If the the same of the same of the same and the same actually said. If the same of the same of the same actually said.

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if we can maintain the level of
curriculum. If that is so, is she
not an authoritative and effective
observer?
Mr Carlisle: Of course I do, and I
rely strongly on her advice. I think
the words the need were that the words she used were that it would be a miracle if there were

Government | Bill seeks to reduce public sector dominance of transport: points system for driving offences

The Bill had two major themes. The first was the introduction of private capital into state owned industries. The Government saw no advantage to the public either as tarpayer or consumer in keep-ing businesses in the public sector when they could do better outside with access to private capital and freedom from controls and gov-ernment interference.

The second theme was to do with the reform of motoring laws and provision of road safety. The changes represented some of the most important reforms since the 1960s.

Part I of the Bill made possible. Part I of the Bill made possible

a fundamental change in the status of the subsidiary companies of British Rail. The Government and the board had identified four businesses in which there were immediate prospects for the introduction of private capital—Sealink, Hovercraft, hotels and propersticulal property assets. Sealink, Hovertrait, notes and non-operational property assets.

British Rail's subsidy companies had suffered rather than benefited from being part of the public sector. They had been subject to public sector constraints. They had, until recently, lacked management attention and most of all they had lacked ignostrant. they had lacked investment. Successive boards had taken the view that with limited resources they had to give priority to the rail-

The only answer was the intro-duction of private capital into the businesses. The proposals in the Bill had the full support of the British Railways Board. Using their existing powers, the board had already set up a holding com-pany, British Rail Investments Ltd. The holding company had the freedom to find the best solution to each business. But if the businesses were to escape public sector constraints the board must surrender control of the businesses. surrender control of the businesses.

The board and the Government were convinced of the need of the provisions in the Bill. Unless they took this kind of redical action now the future of these

The Transport Bill contained important reforms and reduced once again the public sector domination of the transport industries. Mr. Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, said when he moved the second reading of the Bill. The process of taking the state out of bodies where it had no role had begun with the Government's 1980 Transport Act.

The Bill had two major themes. Docks Board. The board operated 19 ports including some major ones like Southampton, Hull and Immingham. They were responsible for handling about a quarter of the country's sea borne trade.

The advantage of the course proposed in the Bill was that it would give full commercial freedom to the board. The board would no longer be subject to intersention and interference from the Government and the management and workforce would be responsible for their own future without Government controls over investment.

The proposals recognized that there was no need for the Docks Board with a proposals replaced the Docks Board with a proposals replaced the Docks Board with a proposal and the course of the course and benefits above all that the motorists and professional drivers regarded such a change as being fair and both that involved. The proposals replaced the Docks Board with a professional drivers regarded such a change as being fair and both the major motoring organizations had generally welcomed the proposals.

investment.

The proposals recognized that there was no need for the Docks Board to remain in the public sector under the restrictions and the threat of restrictions which that involved. The proposals replaced the Docks Board with a new two-tier organization. Investors would be invited to buy shares in a Companies Act holding company which would control the reconstituted Docks Board and be known as British Ports, as if it were a wholly owned subsidiary.

The British Transport Docks

were a wholly owned substitution.

The British Transport Docks
Board was a successful organization which derived its success
from a mixture of a strong
management team and generally
sound industrial relations, and
board members would be able to
build on that success in the
private sector.

The Government intended to

private sector.

The Government intended to take a 51 per cent shareholding in the holding company. The crucial point about this was not the percentage size but whether it was used to control the holding company. The Government would not be controlling the holding company. The Government wanted fasce employee shareholding schemes established so that those who worked in the business would have established so that those who worked in the business would have a commitment and a stake in its future success.

This was a far more tangible very of involving employees in their industries than operating the outdated belief that nationalization gave employees greater control or greater security of employment. Part III was concerned mainly with the abolition of the National Ports Council. This had had achievements, but the Government had come to the conclusion that greater responsibility for practices in the ports should now be placed on the port industry itself. Part IV dealt with the second usinesses would be bleak. Part IV dealt with the second Part II of the Bill dealt with the main theme of the Bill—the

law.

At present, the motorist who endorsable

Each of the current endorsable offences should be graded according to the number of points. When 12 points had been accumulated within a three-year period, disqualification would always follow. qualification would always follow.

There would be different views about the points value of different offences and the Government would be prepared to listen to arguments on that. It was hoped that MPs would feel that the new system would be more equitable than the present one.

Ouce the period of disqualification had been served, the slate would be wiped clean of points. The second major provision of this part of the Bill was to tackle the problem of drink-driving. Noone could be in any doubt or filusion about the seriousness of this. About one-third of drivers fins. About one-third of drivers killed in accidents had been above the prescribed limit. More than one half of those convicted in the courts today had readings of over 150mg. Three-quarters of those convicted were over 120mg.

Some would argue for stiffer senences, but he did not think they were necessary. The courts already had considerable powers. The crucial question concerned the enforcement of the law. The Government had taken steps to enable enforcement to be more efficient than it was at present. The Bill provided for evidential breath tests — breath testing

reform of road safety and traffic effect on the police who could The Government believed the changes it was making would help the police carry out their job of enforcement. It did not believe that powers to introduce random

or discretionary tests were neces motorists were an important part of policepublic relations and the introduction of a power of this kind would potentially damage them. The House should think long

and carefully before allowing such powers. The Bill also concerned the problem of road safety and motor-cyclists. In 1979 over 1.100 motor-cyclists died on the roads—over half of them teenagers—and further 66,000 were injured.

The Government's information was that the figures for last year would run at about the same level. Any government must be con-cerated about casualties of that size and the Bill's proposals were aimed at enabling the motor cyclist, particularly the new motor cyclist, to be equipped to take better care of his own

Per mile travelled, the motor cyclist was 30 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured than the car driver. The young and inexperienced were the most

vulnerable.

It was essential as a matter of policy that more riders should take training and follow that up with the driving test. It was wrong that a learner should be able to ride a modera 250 cc machine. The Bill restricted learner drivers to less powerful machines with a preference more appropriate to vulnerable. performance more appropriate to the general level of their experi-ence and skill, and grovide for a two-part test for motor-cyclists.

The Government was in no way seeking to discriminate against motor-cyclists but above all to ensure that the new rider took training as he came on to the read for the first time.

The measures in the Bill would appear the course of a significant steps to be more person of British transport to private part of British transport to private hands and the role of the state would be significantly reduced. The Bill set free these ludustries breath tests — breath testing machines at pelice stations—which would largely replace the need for analyses of blood and urine samples. Loopholes in the existing law had meant that guilty drivers had escaped on procedural technicalities. This had had its

Worst time to sell British Rail subsidiaries

spokesman on transport (Barrowin-Furness, Lab), said the Bill brought to bear on British Railways provisions which were at best irrelevant to the massive financial crisis facing it and at worst downright damaging to its

future.

The minister proposed to take powers to force British Railways to sell its profitable subsidiaries. The Opposition would be opposed to a forced sale of those subsidiaries are any time. The Opposition would be opposed to a forced sale of those subsidiaries ar any time.

It was hard to envisage a worse time than the present unless one was seeking, as the Government apparently was, to find a time when the subsidiaries could be sold as cheaply as possible.

If the Secretary of State intended that the money realized from the sale should be further invested in the subsidiaries, the benefit would accrue to those who acquired subsidiaries. It would only accrue to British Railways to the limited extent that it retained any holdings in those subsidiaries.

closures unless it could get more money for its main business. money for its main business. If the Bill were operated as he thought it would be, a future Labour government would not only have to find ways quickly to reassert public control over national assets in transport which had been stripped by this Government, but would have to formulate policies to allow public enterprises to flourish, to provide services, to generate demand and employment without being hamstrung.

If a Conservative Government If a Conservative Government believed it was justified in calling upon its majority in Parliament

upon its majority in Parliament to give it powers to strip public assets, and fransfer them from the public to the private sector and to remove ownership in a way which disadvantaged the public interest and advantaged private interests, a future Labour Government might well feel justified in calling upon its majority to reverse the process. On the pension schemes and the

compensation payments to mem-bers of the Docks Council and any holdings in those subsidiaries.

British Rail was starved of cash for track maintenance, development of signalling systems and met by a levy on the industry.

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road safety or pro drunken drivers.

He was surprised at Mr Fowler's proposals on the hip flask problem when testing suspected drunken drivers. No one should be able to evade a charge of having committed a crime by being able to prove his test was affected by the fact be took a swig from a hip flask after being called upon to be tested. In offier areas it was an offence to disturb or destroy evidence, and the same philosophy should be applied to road safety.

The Bill contained much that was controversial; little that was was controversial; little that was good and created, in its first part, the means of destroying an important part of British Rail.

Labour MPs would be voting against the Bill and calling upon all those who helicand in main.

It was wrong to include road safety in the Bill. They were important, but should have been introduced in a separate Bill as they made a lot of sense and could have been discussed in a creative that what was preposed in the Bill were the minimum structured have been discussed in a creative that what was preposed in the Bill were the minimum structured have been discussed in a creative that what was preposed in the Bill were the minimum structured and required and everything should be done to encourage motorists and motor-cyclists to take further advanced tests so that the standard generally was increased. The proposals should make sure that people did not go on driving for ever on a provisional licence on highly powerful machines. That was the right sort of change.

Enoch Powell (South Down.

cation for equating the movement of the percentages disclosed during the four years after the passing of the 1867 Act with a fall in road casualties caused by alcohol in the The probabilities were

balance against that interpretation.
Not enough had been done to interpret and understand the experience in the past 13 years. The that experience or its implications. There should be a far deeper and thoroughgoing investigation of the consequences, if any, of the 1967 Act before they allowed that levi-

Those in work should help unemployed ment going to get the PSER under within the national insurance in prices of 15 per cent. That was

and for the National Health Service and National Insurance contributors, Lady Young, Minister of State for Education and Science, said when moving the Bill's second reading.

She said the Government was committed to reducing inflation committed to reducing inflation by restraining the growth of the public sector borrowing requirement. The effect of the changes in the Bill would be to raise extra revenue which would enable the PSBR to be reduced in 1981-82 by The Bill had three objectives. First, by reducing the Treasury supplement paid from taxation ioto the National Insurance fund.

the Bill would belp to correct the imbalance that had occurred since 1975. Over the last five years the payment from general taxation to-wards social security had grown considerably in real terms and considerably in real terms and there was an undeniable need to adjust the balance.

Secondly, the Bill restored the proportion of the National Health Service expenditure financed from contributions to what it was as recently as 1976-77.

Thirdly, employers should not be asked to pay contributions at a higher rate in 1981-82.

In effect it would mean that

In effect it would mean that those in work would be called upon to shoulder an increased part of the burden of providing for those who were not in work. Overall, the Bill brought the National Insurance fund into balance, enabling the proper growth of benefits over the com-Lord Wells-Pestell (Lab), for the Lord Wells-resten (Lao), for the Opposition, said the Bill was a further example of the Government's intention to limit the PSBR, no matter who suffered in the process.

The difficulty which faces us (he said) is when is the Govern-

Did they know what they were doing? This exercised their minds more than anything else. They seemed to be stumbling forward into the dark, and into greater

darkness.

If the Government was concerned about those on low pay it would have made more sense if it had lifted the ceiling on the it had lifted the ceiling on the contributions on employees earning over £200 a week. That would have brought in a great deal more money from a section of the community receiving an annual income in excess of £10,000 a year.

The Bill imposed a serious burden on the low-paid workers. There was a hidden surcharge—a form of direct taxation—upon the lower paid. It meant a substantial increase in national insurance contributions for them. Those on hal increase in hational insurance contributions for them. Those on £27 or £28 a week would pay national insurance contributions on every penny they earned.

The Government had placed too great a burden on the lower paid and not enough on the higher

Lord Banks (L) said that the Government argued, in effect, that contributors must contribute the said that the contributes are said to the said that the sai that contributors must contribute towards non-contributors benefits. That was unterly wrong. What the various parties contributed should relate to their benefits. If it was right that contributions should be increased on the scale and for the purpose proposed by the Government—and he questioned that—should the burden be put entirely on the personal contributors rather than on the corporate?

Surely the way to help was by reducing the national insurance surcharge rather than by altering surcharge rather than by altering the balance of contribution between employers and the rest

House of Lords

The Social Security (Contributions) Bill was an important measure which had significant effects for the economy in general and for the National Health Service and National Insurance contributors, Lady Young, Minister of State for Education and Science soid when more transfer to the Social Security (Contributions) Insurance contributors, Lady Young, Minister of State for Education and Science soid when more transfer to the Social Security (Contributions) It seems quite clear that the Commons against this Bill, but would not oppose its second reading in the Lords, although they did not accept many of the arguments and accept many of the arguments the PSER would be during 1980/1.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said the Bill Clearly indicated a victory for Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said the Bill clearly indicated a victory for the Treasury over the Department of Health and Social Security. The of Health and Social Security. The PSBR would be substantially reduced as a result of the Bill, but it should be remembered that the cut in the PSBR was not being achieved by cuts in expenditure but by transferring the method of raising funds from one form of

tax to another.

A tax on employment was the craziest tax of all. It would increase the cost of goods and prove a substantial disincentive to employers to take on more employees. oployees. The Bill was clearly a trailer for the Budget. The changes were not to operate until the forthcoming financial year and therefore it would be possible for the Chanwould be possible for the Chan-cellor to make compensating edjustments to personal and com-pany invation which could have the effect of compensating for the additional burdens which the Bill sought to Impose.

Lady Gaitskell (Lab) said she
found it difficult to understand the
Bill but to call it a social security

Bill was a misnomer. It should be called the Social Insecurity (Contributions) Bill. It was a masty Bill. Lord Spens (Ind) said the self-employed were being made to pay an extra amount of tax at a time when the Government was trying to encourage small businesses to expand in order to take on more people.
Lord Cockfield, Minister of State,
Treasury, said that when looking
for additional revenue, national
insurance contributions were an

in prices of 15 per cent. That was
why employees had enjoyed an
increase in real incomes at a time
when other members of the community might be suffering from
considerable hardship.

It was only right in those circumstances that those in employment made an extra contribution to the additional public expendi-ture being incurred. It was also right that the Government should have decided not to increase the rates of contribution paid by

industry.

To the extent that the rates of contribution payable by employers had not been increased, that represented a valuable measure of assistance to industry in relation to what would have been the rounted. payment. - Industry had been relieved of a burden which normally would have fallen on its shoulders. what would have been the normal houlders. It was true that the total contri-

bution by employers, including the surcharge, would increase in cash terms next year. That increase would be less than £1,00m.

The figure reflected the expected rise in earnings and also the increase in the included the spected rise in earnings and also the increase in the ceiling of the graduated contribution from £165 to £200 a week. Both factors were a reflection of the level of prices

and earnings.

The size of the cash increase paid by employers next year was likely to reflect a decline in contributions in real terms. To remove the limit for contributions only would mean breaking the species. would mean breaking the present link between contributions and benefits and would be a major departure from the arrangements agreed in 1975.
The Bill was read a second time.
House adjourned 4.54 pm.

Nevada exercise British observers will be present at the exercise in Nevada in April on

nuclear weapons accident safety, Viscount Trenchard, Minister of State for Defence, said.

Chance for access to capital investment Sir Bernard Braine (South East Essex, C), chairman of the National Council on Alcoholism, said he must warn the Government that the measures itr was seeking on drinking and driving would soon lose their impact if the consumption of alcohol was allowed to distinguish between the straying of alcohol was allowed to straying of individual offences.

sumption of alcohol was allowed to get out of hand. Any decrease in the national consumption of al-cohol would help to reduce the carnage on the roads.

There was no escape for the Government from the need to strengthen the licensing laws, heigheth public awareness of the danger of abuse, and to curb irresponsible advertising.

Lowering the legal limit from 80 to 50 milligrams and dealing with high risk offenders would have beneficial results for safety on the roads and would save lives. Mr David Ennals (Norwich, North. Mr David Eduals (Norwich, North, Lab) said it was extraordinary that the Secretary of State had not taken the opportunity of this Bill to make provision for the compul-sory wearing of seat belts. The case for wearing them was over-whelming.

case for wearing them was over-whelming.
Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) said be had mixed feelings about the Bill. He saw no reason in principle why private money should not be sought by British Rail and other nationalized bodles. But he had fears about what the result might be for Sealink. If it was put on the open market, the Government's intentions would

Sir Rouald Bell (Beaconsfield, C) said the torting-up procedure leading to disqualification was bad. It was capricious in its effect, and did not distinguish between the gravity of individual offences which added up to disqualification. Air Walter Johnson (Derby, South, Lab) said he was diametrically opposed in denationalization by opposed to denationalization by the back door, which the Bill would allow. A change of Govern-ment would see that nationalized industries which had ben turned over to the private sector should be renacionalized without compen-

sation. Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) said Mr Fowler was in danger of being remembered as the minister who did not deal with seat belts and did not grasp the nettle of drinking and driving.

Mr Richard Mitchell (Southampton, Itchen, Lab) said Mr Fowler had admitted that the British Transport Docks Board was a success story. When something was working well, why fiddle with it and mess it about?

Mr Frank Dobon (Camden, Holborn and St Pancras, South, Lab)

born and St Pancras, South, Lah; said ideology and general spleen against nationalized industries was the main motivation behind the Bill. It was a retrograde step in the Government's policy Mr Timothy Brinton ("avesend, C) said he did not support the drunken driver, but MPs had

since 1967. The only way to stop the criminal act of driving with excess alcohol was severer punishment, because it was the only thing the sort of people they were talk-ing about world understand. Mr John Prescott, an Opposition spokesman on transport (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab) said this was a dash to the market place to sell off the nationalized industry sec-tor. Mr Fowler could not stand

tor. Mr Fowler could not stand-aside from intervention in port policy. It was not possible to get rid of these assets and assume he would not be involved in the dewould not be involved in the de-velopment of port policy.

The British Transport Docks
Board was a sound organization
which had done well. Labour MPs
rejected the view that the taxpayer
should not benefit from all the
investment put in, or that th
national interest could be considered the same as the private interest.

dered the same as the private interest.

If the minister gave the amount of money to BR as other European and American Governments gave to their rail systems, there would be no need to be selling off subsidiaries in order to raise cash.

He warned people who bought shares in the British Rail subsidiaries that they would not benefit by their action. As soon as they were returned to power Labour would take whatever means they could, quickly, to regain control of these sectors. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Kesmeth Charke, Parliamentary

port (Rushcliffe, C) said the Government was treating the problems of the nationalized industries in a pragmatic and reasonable way, looking to the different circumstances of each industry.

It was trying to give these industries, which had been neglected for some years, a proper opportunity for access to capital investment for sound commercial projects in their

There would be a need for hard discussions between ministers and British Rail on the implementation of the policy. They wanted to reach practical solutions to practical problems in businesses which the last Government neglected over

It was important that the ordinary motorist was not badgered with too many unnecessary regulaof police powers in the traffic area. On the other hand every responsible driver accepted the

these sectors. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary
Secretary to the Ministry of Trans-

Indefatigable worker for European progress

European Parliament Strasbourg

News of the sudden death in Strasbourg of Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, Vice-President of the Commission responsible for agriculture and fisheries, was given to the Parliament by Madame Simone Vell, the president president.

She said Parliament would be overwhelmed at the loss of Mr Gundelach and MrPs would find it difficult to express the deep emotions they felt.

Mr Gundelach (she said) was born in April, 1925, and after brillant studies in economic sciences he served in the Danish foreign ministry where he excelled through his great professional abilities and his burner characteristics.

his great professional abilities and his human characteristics.

He was head of the Danish mission to the EEC and took an active part in the accession of the Danes before becoming a Commissioner in 1973. Throughout all those years he had been an indefatigable parket for European professe and worker for European progress and justice. He had devoted his life to that end and sadly he had killed himself in the task.

On behalf of the European Par-On betait of the European rar-llament (she said) I extend to his family, to the Danish people, to our Danish colleagues and to the Commission our feelings of pro-found sadness and our assurance

that we fully associate ourselves in

threw himself into his task indefatigably.

After members had stood for a minute's silence Sir Henry Plumb, chairman of Parilament's committee on agriculture, expressed the sadness of its members. No one had known better than they, he said, the total dedication of Mr Gundelach to the cause of agriculture in the Community.

Only this morning they would have been in discussion with Mr Gundelach on his report on proposed improvements in the CAP and now, sadly, they were denied that opportunity.

Mr Poul Moller (Denmark, ED) that opportunity.

Mr Poul Moller (Deumark, ED) said it was a terrible blow for all Danish MEPs. Mr Gundelach was one of the most gifted of men and highly esteemed in Deumark which was proud that he had been given such an important task as coordinating agricultural policy.

that we fully associate ourselves in their loss.

Mr Gaston Thorn, President of the Commission, said the Commission was overwhelmed by Mr Gundelach's death and joined in the condolences to his family. The loss for the Community, Europe and Denmark could not be measured at a time when the Community was trying to find solutions to such serious problems. Mr Gundelach's devotion was absolute and he threw himself into his task indefatigably.

EEC car makers need overall strategy

quering the world car industry in the way they had conquered the world motor cycle industry, M world motor cycle industry, and Gilles Martinet (France, Soc) said when a debate on the European car industry, adjourned from the last session, was resumed.

He said that the idea that if the Japanese were to relax their own trade barriers and allow in more copen to question. If positive results were not achieved appropriate temporary decisions must be open to question. childish dream. They would not change Japanese trade practices and Europe would continue to produce cars 25 to 30 per cent dearer than Japanese cars. dearer than Japanese cars.

They must stop the Japanese offensive but they could only do that it they proved to them that Europe was prepared to take temporary protectionist measures. They must end the egotistical behaviour of some firms and governments. There was no French, German, Italian or Belgian solution to the problem; they needed a European solution.

The debate was based on a report from the Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs calling for a Community strategy for the car industry enabling it to take industry enabling it to take advantage of the size of the Community market, its economic and political strength, and its

insurance commonions were an appropriate source.
Earnings in the last 12 months had increased by more than 20 per cent, compared with an increase

extensive trading links with the rest of the world.

It called for measures to increase the productivity of the European car industry and strengthen its

priate temporary decisions mus be taken to face up to the situa

A proposal currently under study could provide a useful rook in A proposal currently under study could provide a useful tool in talks to open up the Japanese market through the removal of barriers. At present the imbalance between Japanese car exports to the EEC and EEC exports to Japan was at the rate of 50 to one and could be as much as 80 to one this year. Herr Ernst Mulier-Hermann (West Germany, EPP) said it was unreasonable for firms who made good profits in good years to expect the state to carry the responsibility in bad years. The European car industry had a number of excellent years up to 1979 but some companies had rested out their lawrels and failed

become more active in the Japanese marker. A comprehensive Community effort to improve productivity was needed. Protectionsism was not the answer. Miss Norvele Forster (Birmingham South, ED) said it was in the Interests of the Community and Japan that trade should be as free as possible. Quotas were only to be used as a last resort if voluntary arrangements broke down.

The Community should act as one. She suggested the Japanese The Community should act as one. She suggested the Japanese should limit themselves to not more than 9 per ceut of the EEC market. At present Italy had a voluntary agreement which meant that Japanese exports were negligible and the French had an arrangement whereby Japanese exports were limited to 3 per cent of the home market. She hoped France and Italy would act jointly with other member states.

Miss Ann Clywd (Mid and West

Miss Ann Clywd (Mid and West Wates, Soc) said if the European Commission failed to take action to protect the jobs of workers in the car industry, the trade unions in the countries affected would themselves take action against imports.

uports.

With almost three million unemployed, trade unions in the Umited Kingdom felt the flood of car imports must be stemmed. Short-term selective import controls were needed to create a breathing space during which the

industries could reequip and renaustries could reequip and reorganize.

Herr Karl-Heinz Narjes, EEC Commissioner for Advanced Technology, said the car industry was
confronted with a major challenge
and the European reaction had
been slow. In addition to the
Japanese onslaught, there was a
world-wide slump in demand and
rising oil prices.

But the Community had to trade
and wanted to expand its world
wide trade. Those who called for
protectionist measures as a solution would soon see new difficulties eisewhere.

Permanent protectionism would

have the same effect as a drug. At first it would seem plausible and tolerable but in the long run it would mean the squandering of precious resources.

Permanent protectionism would

precious resources.

A more cobesive European policy was needed. This could prepare the ground for improvements in the situation focing the European industry.

Viscount Etienne Davignon, Commissioner for Industry, said the European car industry needed a dynamic overall strategy. The Community wanted a fair balance in its trade with other countries. The Community's car industry needed third country markets as much as any other country for it was therethat the battle would be won or lost. lost.
The report was approved.

assisted places scheme

More schools added to

Mr Butcher: Can the minister indi-cate what progress has been made in signing up the schools and whether parents are now applying for entry for their children in 1980-81?

Mr Boyson (Brent, North, C): something like 37 schools have signed. We expect a total of 221 schools to be involved. In October a list was published of which schools were coming in; we will be publishing an amended list shortly. Mr Nell Kinnock, chief Opposition

Education report

Mr Nell Macharlane, Under Secretary for Education and Science
(Sutton and Cheam, C), said in
15. The second of the review he had been chairing into education provision for the 16 to 19-year-olds would be published on January 26.

Since the list of schools being invited to join the assisted places scheme was published on October 6, eight schools had declined the offer and 11 schools had been added to the list, Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary for Education and Science, said in reply to a question by Mr John Butcher (Coventry, South West, C).

Mr Butcher: Can the minister indicate what progress has been made in signing up the schools and whether parents are now applying for entry for their children in 1980.

Spokesman on education (Bedwellty, Lab): Why is there no cash wellty, Lab): Why is there no cash wellty.

Curriculum The next Government statement on the school curriculum would be published within a few weeks, Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary for Education and Science, said during question time.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 2.50: Rate support gran orders for England and for Wales. House of Lords

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School records: the crucial question of how much parents have a right to know

Parents' rights are the very essence of ! it would cause too many problems : || it gave itself under the Education Act present Conservative education philosophy. With choice and information, the argument goes, parents can force; change by insisting on where, what and how their children are taught.

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The theory has its limits, as the Tories would be the first to admit, if only because choice depends on where people live and how much money they have. But how far has the Government gone in giving parents the right to know how their children are doing at school and what teachers think of them? The answer must be not that far if one takes as an acid test its policy on parents being able to see school records held on their children.

What the Department of Education and Science has done is all right, as far as it goes, and has even led some DES-watchers to think more might come later. The signs are now that these people are going to be disappointed.

The Government is believed to have no intention of giving parents the right to see school records, or to suggest to local authorities that they bestow such a right. Local councils have been told to give parents more in the way of information about schools, for example, about the curriculum and the number of exam passes; parents have been given much more effective choice between schools with the right of appeal against an allocation; governing bodies have been reformed to include a wider spectrum of representation. including parents; and parents of handicapped children are to be given

ority record which determines whether their child goes to a special school But parents of children in ordinary schools are not likely to be given this privilege. The reason seems to be that

the right to see the official local auth-

teachers and local authorities would (Number 2), passed last year. A hate it because it would mean reorganizing their record systems, perhaps spending some money and being more circumspect in what they wrote down,

It would mean that teachers would have to keep proper records, something that cannot be assumed at present. And it would probably mean the introduction of a standard record card in all local authorities and a decision about whether parents could see all or only some information on the school

It would, in other words, stir up a hornet's nest of debate at present left relatively undisturbed. Clamour for reform has come predictably from the Advisory Centre for Information (ACE) and the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) who have drawn heavily on the American ex perience for their case. In the United States parents, and students over 16, have a statutory right to see school records under an Act, colloquially known as the Buckley Amendment, which came into force in 1977.

The argument in favour of access is based ultimately on a democratic principle. that people should have the right to see what is written down about them or their children, and that those in authority should be account able for their deeds and judgments.

It is fuelled by cases of abuse, where information is recorded which is gossipy irrelevant or downright wrong. And it is reinforced by the pragmatic argument that a right of access would produce records which are a good deal more accurate, if less

regulation which had existed under a local government act, now repealed, was expanded to enable the DES to regulate not only the transfer record between schools but the whole question of the keeping and disclosure of education records.

In the debate in the House of Lords on this Lord Bellwin, Under Secretary at the Department of the Environment, said: "The Government believes that there should be a large degree of openness between schools and parents."

Since then the Education Secretary has written to the NCCL to say the new regulation will be issued by April 1981. He did not say what it would contain but it is believed it will cover only the transfer-record and not the other aspects of record keeping. So much for Lord Bellwin's fine statement.

Pressure groups will now be marshalling their forces for renewed lobbying. "It is vital that parents should have a right of access to records held on their children", says Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the NCCL. " Many of them have suffered considerable anxiety because of what they fear is in their child's record."

Peter Newell of ACE said it did not require legislation but a political will to change things. "We were obviously encouraged by the Government's commitment to providing more information to parents but we regard school records as the central issue and to deny access to them makes a nonsense of their claim to open up schools to parents."

Lucy Hodges

informative, than they are now.

The suggestion that the Government might be about to act is not based on wishful thinking but on new powers.

Out in the Open, The School Records Debate, by Lucy Hodges, a book on parents' access to school records, will be published by Chameleon in the spring.

Why the Home Office policy towards young offenders is so sadly out of date

the treatment of young offenders aged 17 and over. In 1974, after four years of the first independent review of the Borstal system, proudly established at the rurn of the nineteenth century, the Coun-cil reported; the principal theme of its report was the need for a shift in emphasis, and therefore in deployment of re-sources, from custodial measures to treatment in the community Far too many youngsters were needlessly being sent to detention centres (established in 1948) and Borstals; many others who justifiably were sent inside were not receiving prompt or adequate supervision on their release

The Council made two main recomendations for effecting the desired change. First, it recommended a new sentence of custody and control, with an emphasis on early release to supervision in the community. The replacement of the three current custodial sentences for the 17-21 ar olds-detention centre, Borstal and imprisonment—in one single sentence of determinate length, was universally welcomed. The second proposal, a new noncustodial sentence of supervision and control, designed to give the supervising probation service stronger and more flexible measures of control over individual offenders, fared much less well in the acute financial stringency. The more radical, social-work orientated members of the Probation and After-Care Service libbed at the concept of "control"; and the cur-back in public expenditure in the mid-1970s, which has persisted even more fiercely in the past two or three years, meant that for the time being at least

the recommendation was shelved. Little or nothing emanating from the Home Office suggests that there are immediate prospects for legislative action in that part of the system. That is not to say that existing non-custodial sanctions -probation pure and simple, community service and fines-should not be used even more extensively than in the immediate past. Far from it: the pro-bation service has been encouraged to do more in the knowledge that the service is to be modestly expanded in the 1980s.

But the move towards a generic sen-tence of youth custody and supervision was taken a sten nearer fruition, somewhat tardily, by the publication of a Government Green Paper in the autumn of 1978, which followed in general the proposais made by the Advisory Council on the Penal System; only some of the detalls of early release and supervision on release varied from the Council's pro-

Last October the new Government pre-scribed its own brand of "proposals for strengthening the law relating to young offenders"; and legislation is promised at an early date, in a White Paper, Young Offenders.

Not merely do the new proposals on custody for young offenders depart sig-nificantly and unbelpfully from the earlier, agreed suggestions; the Government, in formulating its legislative plan, seems wholly to misunderstand the nature of the offenders for whom it is prescribing penal treatment; it fails lamentably to acknowledge that what goes on in the institutions for young adult offenders, detention centres in particular, has for some time been irrelevant to the needs for this age group of offenders. The Government's proposals simply perpetuate, and even accentuate the old formulae which by common consent have palpably failed to cope with the pressing social problem of crime committed by young

depressingly more serious ways. The White Paper of last year prefaces its custodial proposals by making due obeisance in the direction of non-custodial measures. It says that the Government groups of offenders—be they juveniles attaches the greatest importance to the under 17 or adults over 21—those between

adolescents in increasing numbers and in

It is now more than 10 years since the use in appropriate circumstances of other 17 and 21 demonstrate statistically the Home Secretary of the day asked the penalties than custody; it adds that "it closest correlation between crime and a Advisory Council on the Penal System is doing as much as possible to encourage single, social class. The archetypal young to carry out a thoroughgoing review of the development of non-custodial facility adult offender is a recent school-leaver

The report deliberately ignores the essential point made by the Advisory Council on the Penal System, which was disgracefully disbanded last year in the absurd move to axe yet another "quango". however valuable and inexpensive. Or was it that this Government, unlike all its predecessors since the war, does not take kindly to independent advice on penal affairs from a wide range of experts?

The anodyne support in the White Paper for non-custodial measures is in fact no more than a sop to those advocating greater use of treatment within the community, for there is no governmental conmitment whatsoever in the White Paper for a conscious shift in resources from custodial provision to non-custodial treatment. Oute the contrary, there is, unashamedly a deliberate commitment of additional financial resources to bricks and mortar.

The more penologically regressive proposal is the one that preserves the deten-tion centre order, while merging the sentence of Borstal training and imprisonment into a Youth Custody Order. The White Paper blandly asserts that the "differences between detention centres, Borstels and prisons housing young offenders are too great for it to be proper to regard them as catering for a simple, undifferentiated 'generic' sentence".

This is a cynical disregard of the unanimous opinion, both within the prison department of the Home Office and among the cognoscenti on penal affairs, that there is no essential difference in the regimes of all three institutions; the only difference (and not very great at that as between detention centre and Borstal) is in time actually spent by inmates at the three types-of institutions. In short detenmini Borstals". The sole reason for wishing to preserve the separate detention centre order is so that the Government can fulfil its "law-and-order" policy and in-dulge in reintroducing the "short, sharp shock " philosophy " experimentally " in a

few detention centres.

Home Office Ministers have not disguised the fact that they do not know whether such a militaristic style of penal establishment will .work; they concede that their aim is to try it out. They ignore totally an earlier (1970) report of a sub-committee of the Advisory Council on the Penal System, under the chairmanship of the previous Bishop of Exeter (Dr R. C. Mortimer), that consigned the "short, sharp shock" approach, which accompanied the setting up of the detention centres in the 1950s and 1960s, to the penal his tory museum. That sub-committee noted that the alliterative phrase in its Gilbertian source referred to decapitation: "To sit in solemn silence in a dull, dark

In a pestilential prison, with a life-long Awaiting the sensation of a short, sharp shock, From a cheap and chippy chopper on a big, black block ! "

It deprecated the concept, which by the late 1960s had virtually disappeared from all detention centres mainly because the staffs of detention centres, to their unrecognized credit, disliked intensely being punitive agents 24 hours a day; their professionalism argued forcibly against such a negative penal policy. It concluded that the sudden deprivation of liberty is by itself quite sufficient a shock; and that the regime of the institutions should be devoted to positive educational (in the widest sense) activities. All this apparently counts for nought in the eyes of Mr William Whitelaw and his political col-

leagues at the Home Office.

The irrelevancy of the Government's proposals is self-evident. Of all the agegroups of offenders—be they juveniles

from a housing estate or an inner city dwelling who is in Class V of the Regis-trar-General's classification, i.e. he is un-

Eighty per cent of all offenders in this age group conform to that description.
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Two things about this statistical fact stand out like a sore thumb. Young adult offenders are predominantly drawn from the disprivileged in our society and have the least hope of escaping the inevitable consequences of their disprivileged status. The fact is that not merely are so many of them unemployed; they are virtually unemployable. No longer are there the up large amounts of unskilled labour. And the picture of growing unemployment for school-leavers hardly assists. Thus the candidates for penal treatment now are quite unlike those of previous generations for whom extant penal policy was

The working-class boys who formed the bulk of the Borstal inmates until the 1950s knew their place in life as that of the unpretentious working-class adult who knew and accepted his station in society that was, service in a relatively menial occupation. There was, correspondingly, little uncertainty among Borstal officers about the applicable social values.

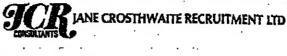
The Borstal philosophy prized hard work, thrift, deference to authority, fair play, corporate spirit, a simple patriotism and military standards of deportment, cleanliness and ridiness (as being next to godliness), In short, traditional Christian values, as interpreted by the governing middle class, went unquestioned.

We live today in a very different social climate. There is no single, all-embracing system of values that has unquestioned dominance; no clear authoritative guide to social behaviour exists. Different views of morality in a pluralist society compete with each other; the young person has to decide not merely whether to conform but which morality should act as his guide. For those not especially well-equipped to make decisions for themselves, the promptings and influence of their peers are more likely to be copied, often not for the best.

In our society, we are all bombarded by propaganda which constantly hammers home the philosophy that status and happiness depend upon material possessions. The youngsters with whom society has to cope have the poorest prospects of acquir-ing these possessions through legitimate outlets. In the result they tend to grab what they cannot attain by socially acceptable means. Their frustration is manifest in their resort to violence, both as an outlet for aggressive attitudes towards a society that can be seen as having failed to satisfy their natural aspirations and as an attempt to snatch at a social significance otherwise denied to them. It is a recognition of these stark social factors, and not a whimsical desire for the "good old days", when delinquent youth responded more readily to the simpler penal reactions of society, that must dictate policy today. The Government's White Paper is hopelessly and misguidely a prescription, at best, relevant to a day and age that has gone and will not return. At worst it is in danger of exacerbating the anti-authoritarian attitudes of our young, the result of which will be

more crime and less hope of stemming the tide of total alienation of the youth

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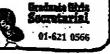
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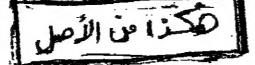


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"One of the incurable delu-sions of the musical world", in Louis Frémaux, renowned wrote Ernest Newman, "Is that for his work in opera at Monte Romeo and Juliet is ideal material for an opera". Easy to be deluded, though, with the pair of lovers, neatly silhouetted against their feuding families the readurade durk families, the ready-made duets, ensembles and choruses, the masked ball and the fencing, the balcony and the bedroom, the potion and the double sui-cide. At least seven operas on the subject were highly suc-cessful in their own day; yet, with one exception, it has been only the non-operatic Romeo and Juliets of Berlioz, Tchaik-ovsky and Prokofiev that have stood the test of time.

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That exception is Gounod's Roméo et Juliette, which, like Seventies, audiences and manaFaust, arrived at the Paris gements began to look for
Opera by way of a premiere at something else. With the famithe Paris Theatre Lyrique in liarity of its plot and the
1867, since when it has never
long been out of the repertory
in France. But it has never
libretto which follows Shakein France. But it has never
speare closely there is only been performed in Germany and has rarely been heard of in Italy since the days of Gigli. England, too, has had little chance to prove Newman right or wrong. When Romeo and Juliet opens tonight at the London Coliseum in a new production by the English National Opera, it will be the first performance of Gounod's work in this country for half a

century.
The 1930 Covent Garden production was conducted by Sir John Barbirolli with Edith Mason as Juliet; English National Opera have found themselves the nice combi-

Carlo and for his Welsh National Pearl Fishers, and a thoroughly English Juliet in Valerie Masterson, who, appropriately enough, seems to belong as much to France and French opera these days as she does to England.

From their experience of studying the work itself, neither M Fremaux nor Miss Masterson can think why Gonnod's Romeo and Juliet has been absent so long. M Fré-maux feels that the French repertoire as a whole has tended to be overlooked, but, after successful revivals of Werther and Manon in the one minor change in the intro-duction of Stephano, Romeo's page), Gounod's opera seems a good bet for English audiences who do not like their Shakespeare tampered with too

Edmund Tracey has translated Barbier and Carré's libretto into English for the new production. "It's a very careful translation", M Frémeaux says, "and it was difficult because he had to consider every word not only in



Louis Frémaux and Valerie Masterson

cally he considers the work a masterpiece: "Perhaps even better achieved than "aust, because Gounod wrote it later, with the full experience of theatre, orchestration,

The role of Juliet is entirely

new to Miss Masterson and, although her voice is particularly well suited to the French repertoire as a whole, she feels especially at home with the weight and tessitute of Gound's vocal writing here. "It covers a big range; there are the same sorts of problems as in Margerite's music in Faust in going from one extreme to another. Both for the context of the melody but Faust in going from one also with reference to Shakespeare's text. But everybody in the company has worked with the first act which bears no

it, and it has been improved in relation at all to the last act, to places by the singers them which is very heavy vocally. Mi selves." Structurally and musi
"It's interesting to see how Parents of the last act, to place by the singers them.

Juliet develops musically. She's quite girlish in the first act, her music is frothy and light, but she soon develops into the middle, register of the voice with a much thicker quality in the orchestra. By the fourth act and the big love duet it is real lyrical singing. Juliet is supposed to be a 14-year-old, but she matures very quickly in the coers. in the opera."

Although Miss Masterson will sing the role in English and is glad to have the chance to do so before taking it, she hopes, to Paris, then to Spain and America, she has worked hard at assimilating the Prench "sound" of the part, something she finds hard to define but considers essential

to any Juliet. "Janine Micheau, who sang the part in Paris in the Fifties, is my idol—she was the French Juliet, and I like to think I've abouthed her flerourings, that France after sporting her at the Coliseum as Manon and inviting her to play the part in absorbed her flavourings, that Geneva for Mireille, an opera in which Gounod's subject and they've nurtured my musical feelings...." musical treatment is often

Romeo and Juliet is the first of three new French operas for Miss Masterson this year. Will her future career woo her more and more to France and French opera? She plans for the time being to divide her work more or less equally bework more or less equally be-tween home and abroad: after Rigoletto in Geneva, she will be in London for Julius Caesar in May and for Charpentier's Louise in September. That will be produced for the English National Opera by Jean-Claude Auvray, the very man who first led Miss Masterson to

the villains to earth in spite of blundering intrusions from the

plaster-encased arm which serves variously as a Hitler salute and a cost-banger; and from Leda Hodgson, as a self-dramatizing spy with her heart so much in the right place that she is finally presented with an aircraft propeller for her solo getaway.

control of the hero's precocious confidence and his flair for putting one and one together;

Cockpit Irving Wardle

Intriplicate Mime

The main piece in this contribution to the fifth International London Mime Festival is an adaptation of Zola's Thérèse Raquin which shows the company of attempting to translate an arch-naturalist into the most nonnaturalistic of stage forms.

It says much for the skills of Ian Cameron, Mollie Guilfoyle, and Robert Williams that they have assembled a workable pantomime from this resistant material. At the same time they are continually colliding with the non-verbal limits.

Mime generally runs into trouble with detailed narrative, as it does here with the group' of minor figures who supply a social background to the central crime passionel. Putting them into masks does nothing to help the story line; and they come to life only when they quit the street and reappear behind gauzes as spectral onlookers at the final strangulation waltz of Therese and her lover.

The other limitation is that

much of pantomime's language is devised for comedy.

Single Handed Young Vic Studio

Ned Chaillet

Tim Thomas has had a popular one-man show for several years now, a migratory fringe produc-tion with dedicated followers. Still, he has been left relatively undiscovered with his flights of comic fancy unmoulded for broader audiences and his inventive and varied routines unpolished for more certain laughter.

In sloppy geniality be varies his present act, a production he calls Single Handed, with satirical guitar-accompanied songs. gloves and bare hands that perform wittily on a pupper stage, tart imitations of a recognizable American monetarist and the South African premier, and he never stays too long with one routine, usually simply simbling off to do something

else.
It takes a certain amount of stage knowledge to know how much ambling you can do, and Mr Thomas has that down pat,

ment, which became almost an aria for Mr Steinhardt, with the

long notes gaining their sub-stance slowly and the ornaments all made alive and individual. But the same kind of solitary lyricism was even more apt in the slow first movement of Berg's quartet, Op 3, and, now joined by a sparkling variety of pecial effects from all four players, in an intensely wrought account of its second and final movement. This was a performance of quite extraordinary

ance of quite extraordinary clarity, and one to show the piece fully as dramatic as the later Lyric Suite.

In the first of Beethoven's "Rasumovsky" quartets the illusion began to slip, and the Guaranties intimate, feeling gracefulness began to seem eracetuiness began wispy and pressured. It was not without interest to discover how they spirited away anything that might appear vulgar, uncouth or strained, most remarkably in the second movement, but any Beethoven performance that skates over the roughness must be only partial, and perhaps that was why, despite all their

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thought to be most perfectly matched. Liverpool Grand Opera claimed to put on the first English staging of its

In September she will be in

first English staging of its original five-act version last November, and it is an opera that Miss Masterton would very much like to see performed in London. Perhaps Romeo and Juliet will pave the way. After all, it earned the high praise of Berlioz, that most grudging of critics, and it made Gounod, at the age of nearly 50, feel 20 once again.

Hilary Finch

to form with the bequiffed hero and his faithful bound stumbling upon an internat-ional crime ring and running

Richard Drabble is in perfect

putting one and one together; and Tony Wredden's simply staged production contains some well-timed surprises, ingenious effects (such as the repeated line "Come on" accelerating into the roar of an aircraft engine), and achieves a good balance between thrills and burlesque.

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Tintin and the Black

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last conducted an inquiry at clones, goes into kilts. this address, bur from the new generation of seven to 12year-olds packing out the Arts it is clear that he has not yet been outclassed by Buffalo

Irving Wardle Irving Wardle Four years bave passed since Herge's intrepid boy reporter Indicating intrologs from the forces of law and order. This time the gang are printing their own money, and the chase leads to a Hebridean island of sinister reputation where everybody, including two bowier-harted Scotland Yard

Comic relief, supplied mainly by the above-mentioned pair, is not up to much. But villainy, of the reliable German variety is fast moving and ruthless, and

The present adventure (adapted by Geoffrey Case) runs true the show with an upraised

London debuts

One reason for starting with Anne Oland is the enterprising programme she offered. This inevitably attracted only a small audience, yet its members were considerably rewarded. Actually, the first of Stenhammer's Three Fantasias, op. II, was played fluently-but with the music's stormy expressiveness clouded by a portrait etching by Max Lie-bermann of Richard Strauss. Soon afterwards Karajan and Dressiveness hard tone and a certain rhyth-mic inflexibility. The Schuman-Tomova-Sintov singing the Four Last Songs and Wolfram nesque second and third items in this group outstayed their welcome, too, yet here Miss Oland settled down and started vitch as the soloists in Don Quixote. The evening found to produce a warmly rounded tive audience rewarded them with lengthy ovations.

Her mettle was though, in Nielsen's Variations, op 40, whose invention is altogether more cogent, and the work's essential concentration was excellently conveyed. The sequence of events is greatly varied and, although some of the contrasts are extreme, they were always made to sound logical. Similar comments apply to Nielsen's Chaconne, op 32, which likewise has much unobtrusively original piano writing. Miss Oland's playing was here beautifully attuned to the composer's idiom, and in particular to the ises and falls of his music's intensity.

Another solidly accomplished work was Jorgen Jersild's Trois Pièces en Concert, which evoked old instruments such as the tambourin in No 1 and old dance forms like the farandole in No 3, but always to fresh of intensity, so that most of and piquently dissonant effect. the meaning disappeared. Inthese are virtuoso pieces adequate though they were, in whose severe tests Miss the slow movement there were orang passed with complete success, her interpretation being at once vivid and self-effacing. Jersild's keyboard writing is fluent and personal, and Pièce No 2, called "Romanesque", builds into a sophisticated transhand. multiple sophisticated rough-and-tumble which at the end is quietened and simplified in a truly surprising way.

In their performance of Beethoven's Cello Sonata, op 02 no 1, Lowri Blake and Janice Dawson promised much.

by Frank Bridge followed.

even generates some laughs of

Mélodie " gave an erdent, finely-spun melodic line to the cello, while "Spring Song" was more homely in its turns of phrase. Each received a well considered performance, exactly to scale. Debussy's Sonata was more of an approximation. Again, there was a good balance between cello and piano, but the essential impression of spatiousness out of proportion to the work's brevity, of a paradoxical recon-cilization of clarity and complexring, was missing, as was the concentration of the central "Sérénade". In fact the whole piece sounded fragmentary, whereas its idea should coalesce.

Bernard Godeaux delivered the notes of the first and last movements of Bach's Italian Concerto with scarcely any variation of suress or dynamics, and this set the style of his entire recital. Even the Andante was without any suggestion of intimacy. Similarly, the Allegro moderate of Schubert's Sonata, 664, was all conceived on the same level, or rather on a. flar plane, at a uniform degree These are variations Miss the slow movement mere whose severe tests Miss the slow movement mere most of a complete some slight variations in improve the some slight variations in touch, a few glimmers of a response to Schubert's musical ideas. Bur in the finale we returned to the flat plane of unadorned literal statement.

The effect of such plano playing was strange in Bach, stranger in Schubert, strangest of all in Chopin. In the introduction of the Polonaise Fantasy, op 61, Mr Godeaux managed a slight degree of flexibility, but once into the main body of the piece every-The initial Andante had the thing was again mechanical, right sort of preludial, quite without any hint that exploratory feeling while the imagination has any place in exploratory feeling while the imagination has any place in two Allegro vivace movements music. Each phrase was banged were robustly phrased. Miss our with a disconcerting small-Blake's tone, if not large, is gam of technical accuracy and consistent, and a good balance emotional indifference.

Aside from a Handel trio Aside from a Handel trip sonata, the Trip Krosta, with an instrumentation of flute, obse and piano, necessarily presented unfamiliar music. Among this was a Mozart Fantasy that I had never heard before and which received an expressive performance. An Introduction and Allegro alia Specially written for the group by Gordon Jacob, had its first hearing, and though its thoughts were of no great moment they were spun out with much instrumenresource. The flute and oboe were driven particularly hard, yet the piece was played engagingly, in fact with zest.

Of equal compositional skill and far greater musical con-sequence was a Trio by Franz Reizenstein, whose works are unfortunately not much heard at present Each of the three movements is closely even toughly, argued although the thought is well diversified. This also, had a good perfor-

Leclair's Sonata, op 8 no 3, is not an interesting piece, yet Vanya Milanova gave it an incisive, graceful performance, and luckily it was followed by a better class of French music. Her approach to Chausson's Poème exactly matched its smouldering introspection, the ripeness and poise of her playing being remarkable. Some-thing more elusive is required in Debussy's Sonata, but again an impression was given of absolutely natural and spontaneous music making, even if Jonathan Dunsby was some times rather peremptory at the

Miss Milanova particularly well caught the spirit of the central "Intermede's" sad if occasionally vehement Piercot music, above all in the lovely violin arabesques over sus-tained keyboard harmonies with which it ends. Vladi-gerov's Chant proved to be rather luxuriantly plaintive, full of sweeping, self-indul-gently slavonic phrases, and played as to the manner born. Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy is equally straightforward in intent, being a dazzling firework display, again thrown off by Miss Milanova with nonchalant mastery.

Max Harrison

The many sides of Karajan

The Berlin Philharmonic made surprisingly little fuss over Herbert von Karajan's silver Herbert von Karajan's siver anniversary as its lifetime conductor—no press releases, virtually no advance publicity. Inevitably, an exchange of speeches did take place during a concert in the Philharmonie, between West Berlin's Governing Mayor Dietrich Stobbe and the maestro, but they remained the maestro, but they remained almost apologetically brief.

Berliners tend to take it for granted that their orchestra (which gets plenty of their tax money) ranks as the best in the world. It seems fatuous to upply such a superlative to any orchestra, but it does seem safe to say that the Berlin Philharmonic has very few rivals and no superiors at all. Where else in the world can an orchestra claim the benefits of a quarter-century associa-tion with a great conductor?

Mayor Stobbe addressed Karajan as "the world's most celebrated conductor", which no doubt caused the eyebrows of Berlin's many Leonard Bernstein faus to rise. The mayor called Karajan, to his face, "contradictorily manysided" and a "brittle (or inflexible) but so warmhearted flexible) but so warmhearted man". He paid tribute not only to Karajan the conductor and operatic stage director but also to the Academy of the Karajan Foundation, which trains young orchestral musicians, and to the competition for match orchestral which Karajan orchestral which was not considered to the conductor and operatic stage director but also to the Academy of the Karajan orchestral which was not considered to the Competition orchestral and to the competition for youth orchestras which Karajan sponsors and which brings the world's best to play against one another. Stobbe also hailed the orchestra's many foreign concert tours (including a recent one to China), which as public relations have proved worth a fortune to the walled city of West Berlio.

Karajan said in response:
"Actually, it has never been granted to me during my life to look back; I have always stood in the prow of the ship, and now, when all of that lies behind us, the countless efforts, the work, the joy in the work, joy in the contact with the orchestra, with which I have travelled throughout

the world, everything comes together here in one second and is nothing other than the awareness that the future lies selves as much as ever, if not two Strauss works, with Anna more so. When one goes up a mountain, when it gets higher. the air becomes thinner and every step becomes an aug-mented, sometimes cenfold exertion. Thus it is with us now; the smallest improvement is an enormous strain, because in the nature of things this quality is there which one can attain only after long, long years. But that has become for us today, if I may say so, a possession, and for that reason it is easy to look into the future and see how one can doit better."

Karajan writes his own ticket in Berlin. Not for years doned that tradition.

has he agreed to conduct opera here. The annual Berlin Festigala concert by Karajan and the Philharmonic; since Kara-jan has so often had other fish he preferred to frv. she preferred to fry, the festi-has long since quietly aban-

As a silver-anniversary gift, Mayor Stobbe gave Karajan a

The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy BBC 2

Miles Kington

HHGTTG, for all those Times readers who have been up the Orinoco or caught in an M1 snarl-up for the last few years, was an extremely funny and imaginative radio science-fiction series which became a cult, a book, a record and a stage play, is now a television series and will no doubt become film, calendar and cuddly toy. It started with the destruction of the earth (to make way for an intergalactic expressway) and goes on to detail the adventures of the two survivors, earthling Arthur Dent and Betelgeusian Ford Prefect, armed only with the Time Out of outer space, the joky, opinionated Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Now, the test of a cult is

whether its devotees will hang on after it has become popular, and for me HHGTTG passes its further test. Man is, as far as we know, the only creature in the universe who can devise an idea which works best in a non-visual medium (radio, record, book) and then insist on transferring it to a visual deterred, the author, Douglas Adams, has plunged on into television and I am relieved to report that the result is not half bad. The half that is not a tireless source of paradoxes, teasing notions and inventive which are often the hardest but does beautifully.

bit; I cannot explain why, but Zaphod Beeblebrox is exactly right for the former president of the galaxy, and never was a cocktail better named than the "Pan-Galactic Gargle Blaster ".

kiss his boss.

Christ and Mstislay Rostropo-

them in top form, and the fes-

Two hemusing bits of hierar-

socio-musicological

teraction which punctuated the evening merit recording. At the end of the songs, the maes-tro kissed Miss Tomova-Sin-

tor's hands, then she, perhaps without precedent, kissed his. At the end of Don Quixote Rostropovitch, that Russian

volcano in perpetual eruption, kissed Karajan on both cheeks

and then went round to the work's Sancho Panza, Mr

Christ, to do the same to him.
Both kissed Rostropovitch
back, For one wild instant one
wondered whether Mr Christ.

that carnival frenzy, would

Paul Moor

The other half is not bad either, actually. The special effects and noises boys could not possibly hope to win against the budget of something like Star Wars, but they earn an honourable draw. The cast, stoutly led by Simon Jones and David Dixon, have to fight medium. The stage play was David Dixon, have to fight by all accounts disastrous. Un-mostly against the fact that nothing much happens. What happens mostly is a lot of good talk about what little is happening, which is why the star actor never even appears; Peter Jones's oh-so-cool voice bad is, as you might expect. Peter Jones's on-so-cool voice the words, for Adams's mind is as the Guide narrates words we see simultaneously on the screen—a radio-to-television side-issues. Even of names, trick which should not work

Book review

Bernini and the Unity of the Visual Arts

By Irving Lavin

(Oxford & Pierpont Morgan Library, 2 vols, £45) As the visitor to the church of Santa Maria della Vittoria in Rome is walking down the nave his glance is suddenly

caught by the gaze of an animated sculptured figure in the right-hand wall of the chapel to the left; he is, in fact, the bis name, Cornaro. Nearer the panions in their stage box or from below, come gesticulating balcony and another group of and ecstatic skeletons; in the men opposite are seen to be vault above are visions that sculpture,

angel delicately pulls aside the garments of St Teresa prior to plunging his golden arrow into her breast. The saint herself receives this manifestation of divine love with closed eyes, parily relaxed (her hands are limp), partly in a kind of paroxysm (her abdomen is tightly ... contracted). . The cherub's gesture also seems to lift the saint bodily upwards, from the cloud where she reclines towards the effulgent in Montorio and the Confessio light that descends in straight of St Francesca Romana in donor of the chapel that bears rays. Beneath the altar is a bas-relief of the Last Supper: chapel, the Cardinal's com- on the floor, as if emerging

legend, "If I had not created heaven I would create it for you alone". .

Santa Maria Nova, and other isolated works like the sculp-ture of Truth in the Galleria Borghese. We learn to read the formal attempts to manipulate

polychromatic decoration and sented these habitual emphases for the intending visitor, who all those elements in the here and now". Corparo Chapel.

self larger unities to pursue. What makes this such an excit- in his debt. And if one has in the late 1640s, that provides ing study is the gradual scepticisms, they are that the the occasion for Professor Ire- progress by which we are led author is occasionally too ing Lavin's book. The Cornaro to appreciate not only the for-Chapel is placed in the larger mal delights of Berniul's work context of Berniul's other but the intricate fusion of chapel designs, notably the form and meaning. The Raimondi Chapel in San Pietro Cornaro Chapel is explained as enunciating the process of salvarion, through which the church, St Teresa, Federico Cornero and his family, and the chapel visitor (represent-ative of all menkind) are themselves united. Bernini's

or in watching the sculptured event beneath the altar tabernacle. There a smiling, joyous angel delicately pulls aside the marvellous composto into which he drew tall happening taking place an intimation of that created all those elements in the here and now."

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book by a scholar for others, who will or should be hugely author is occaisoally too provides, too, the ingredients for a tour of Renaissance and the ultimate producer.

in a cretinous grin whenever he is not guzzling the contents of the medicine cupboard or snoring beside his sleepless wife. But the approach to the seduction, the murder, and the guilt-laden final scenes do work extremely well. They are played as a precise recap, gesture by gesture, of the opening with the difference that the magnetic partners now repel instead of attracting one another. The passages in which the drowned man forces them apart by gently swimming between them are also finely imagined to show that there is no escape from this unbearably amiable chost. The use of fairground music strengthens the sense of a malignantly developing fable.

To put over the idea that Thérèse's husband is a com-

placently unsuspecting dupe, he has to be shown as an outright

fool, his mouth forever agape

and, whatever the limitations of the masks, they are beautifully expressive objects and serve (when worn by mannexins) to create the illusion of an enlarged company.

The programme begins with:

a heavily facerious sketch on the Creation, featuring God the Father in the likeness of a nut-cracker-jawed pedant in a head-master's gown belching the universe into existence,

perhaps from his early experi-ences with English experimental groups. He also seems to know just what his rubbery face looks like at each extraordinary dis-tension and his voice, which handles multiple accepts with ease, also manages to produce a sharp suggestion of Bob Dylan's voice singing: "I've Dylan's voice singing: "I've been reborn/Now I sing corn."

Other songs have much of the scatty burnour of London Wainwright about them, with the same bold emphasis on puns and jokes, but he is also a care-ful observer of the things he mocks so that his sympathies are always clear. His military spokesman is convinced that nuclear warfare is not only possible "but desirable", and his racist comedian, who wears door knockers on his chest, gets so tangled in racism and sexism that he becomes the victim of his own jokes. He offers a patchwork per-formance of bright, raw comedy,

but perhaps the time has come to tighten it. In the meantime he can be seen in his seemingly natural state at the chilly Young Vic Studio.

Guarneri Quartet

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

The Guarneri Quartet are not such frequent visitors that we have grown used to playing as distinctive and fine as they provided in their recital on Monday, given under the Mainly Mozart" umbrella, but in fact leaving the honoured composer after a performance of his Dissonance" quartet that, though not accident-free, still benefited greatly from their style. Their special good fortune

from on top but from within, metaphorically and practically; he gives their playng its expressive tone, particularly when inwardness is at issue, and his fragile, human, breathing but also singing line seemed to be protected and treasured by the rather stouter voices of his three companions.

The effect was of course vale exquisiteness, they missed the uable in the Mozart slow move exultation of the adagio.

vesterday's later editions The three current exhibitions in the British Museum's



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engaged in debate, in reading descend into the chapel space

It is this magnificent work by Gianlorenzo Bernini, begun

But Professor Lavin has him-

It is, on the one hand, a

brief, too reliant upon our unwavering attention to his dis-cussion. But on the other hand it offers the less specialized reader the information and, above all, the imaginative guidance that is needed to appreciate Bernini's achievement. It Baroque Rome culminating in Bernin's masterwork; it is architecture, imagination, however, pre-highly recommended reading

an intimation of that created heaven" which almost passes belief. Bernini has often

praised, as Professor Lavin notes, with the dubious acco-lade of "theatrical". Now we can see, via a last chapter on Bernini and the Theatre just how theatrical he was in the Cornaro Chapel: expected illusions are made real, the theatre of the world involves the speciator in a wholeness or totality (for which "theatre" was a word often invoked). -as that splendid inscrip tion declares-God is himself

John Dixon Hunt

Bernard Levin

The true heroes of the Soviet Union

The news from the Soviet Union is about as bad as it could be. It is clear that, just as the authorities have determined to crush the dissident movement entirely if they can, by terrorizing, incarcerating or driving abroad all those who defy them in the name of law and justice, so it is no less plain that they are also resolved on putting an end to any further increase in the numbers of those who are willing to risk everything by analying for permission to of those who are whing to the every-thing by applying for permission to emigrate from the vast prison that is their country. Indeed, in July last year two Jewish refuseniks were told by a KGB official that the authorities by a KGB official that the authorities intended, within a few months (the statement was made just before the Moscow Olympics), to crush the emigration movement as they had already dealt with the dissidents. In 1979 there had been a huge increase in the numbers of those applying for permission to leave (it is worth repeating once more that both Soviet law and the Declaration on Human Rights, which the Soviet Union has ratified, include provisions for unhindered emigration); obviously, the Soviet rulers have come to the con-Soviet rulers have come to the conclusion that if the movement is not exushed out of existence it will go on growing until it infects the whole

They had already devised a new tactic for making intolerable the lives of those applying for permission to leave; in addition to the routine sacking of the applicant from his job, and the driving from schools and universities of his children, together with constant surveillance and harassment of the entire family, a further refineor the educe raminy, a further retinement of psychological torture has been added. After an applicant has filed his request to leave, the authorities, instead of refusing it, simply ignore it; he and his family suffer the consequences of the application, but are not even told that it has been refused.

Some applicants have now been waiting 18 months without being given any intimation of whether they will one day be allowed out or whether their application has been formally refused. This means that a considerable backlog has built up; I have some figures which combine those in this position with those who have been told that they will not be allowed out. In Moscow alone, there



Yakir: a courageous Mr Evgeny symbol

are 20,000 people in such a plight; in Leningrad there are 10,000, in Kiev 7,000, in Odessa 3,000 to 4,000, in Kharkov 3,000. (And these figures, of course, represent only those applicants whom my informants know

The news from Kharkov is par-ticularly ominous. Emigration visas have hitherto normally been granted have hitherto normally been granted only on proof that the applicants have relatives living abroad with whom they wish to be reunited and on production by the applicant of an invitation to join these. Now, even when proof of close relationships is provided, the emigration office has taken to refusing permission on the provided, the emigration office has taken to refusing permission on the manifestly false ground of "insufficient kinship" or "no reasons for unification"; worse, the essential invitations from abroad are not being delivered. delivered.

Meanwhile, official Soviet antisemitism increases. Obviously, one of the ways in which Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate keep themselves as well as their faith alive is by studying and teaching their religion and the Hebrew language. I have written before about the suppression of Hebrew and of the study of Judaism; two characteristic instances of this

policy took place last month. In one, a Jew called Uri Khoshorsky, who gives private tuition in Hebrew and religious studies (both to keep the knowledge in being and to eke out a living), was on his way to a pupil when he was arrested by the KGB. He was interrogated, and warned of the "serious consequences" of failing to obey previous orders to desist from such teaching. He was threatened with imprisonment; the questioning continued until after the

threatened with imprisonment; the questioning continued until after the expiry of the time for the lesson he was on his way to give. Pupils of Khoshorsky, and of another such tutor, Mr Essas, have been warned against their teachers by KGB officials, who tell them that they are in danger of being corrupted by studying with men who are ideologically unfit to teach.

Suiting their actions to their threats, the KGB broke up a class studying the Talmud with Essas (in his home, incidentally); they were told that the meeting was illegal, heling an unauthorized group and/or a religious gathering.

There are worse cases than those. One is that of the Varvak family of Niev. Mr Varvak, a mathematician, is a chronic invalid, suffering from a very severe form of diabetes; for one period of six months he was unable to obtain any medicine. The Varvaks applied three years ago for accomission to emittate they have Varvaks applied three years ago for permission to emigrate; they have undergone the standard forms of persecution for those wanting to leave the Soviet Union—no work, seizure of correspondence from abroad, and the like—but in their case there has been more. The KGB made it clear that Mrs Varvak would be taken to a psychiatric "hospital" and that the Varvaks' three children would be taken away from them. would be taken away from them. On November 10 last year, an

ambulance arrived at their home; Mr Varyak was at that time in hos-pital. The KGB men demanded that Mrs Varyak come with them. They Mrs Varvak come with them. They repeated the threat to deprive the Varvaks of their children, and told her "If you continue in this manner we will take you to a madhouse and you will stay there all your life". They then tried to drag the children away; Mrs Varvak screamed for help, and a growd collected. The men help, and a crowd collected. The men continued to try to force her and the children to go with them. After a

time, embarrassed by the number of witnesses, they left. Mrs Varvak telephoned the haspital where her husband was, and he returned home. Later the same day, the KGB men returned and again demanded that the Varvaks should go with them; the Varvaks and their friends insisted that the KGB men should show their identity cards, and after further argument they refused to do so and left. so and left.

So and left.
So it goes on. Of course, the Soviet rulers are fighting the Hydra; the latest issue of the chief samizdat journal, Chronicle of Current Events, lists scores of names hitherto quite unknown in the work of demanding unknown in the work of demanding for Soviet citizens the civil rights their own laws and constitution specifically provide for, and I have no doubt that in both the civil rights movement and the emigration movement the increasing repression only means that, in the long run, more resistance will be provoked, not less.

(As far as the emigration movement (As far as the emigration movement is concerned, since even Jews who have not expressed a wish to emigrate are increasingly discrimi-nated against, in, e.g. education and employment, on straightforwardly anti-semitic grounds, more and more of them must inevitably come to the conclusion that since they suffer for being loyal Soviet Jews they might as well leave if they can.) But in the short run, of course, the repres-sion must inevitably have its intended effect, and the most emazing and heartening aspect of the whole story lies in the numbers of those who stand fast in the face of persecution instead of allowing themselves to be crushed by it. Tomorrow, I shall write about Dr Victor Brailovsky, one of the most notable of recent Jewish victims, whose case is itself a sufficient indication of the sinister developments I have described; today, I shall conclude with a word about an individual who, though he does not bave the international reputation of Dr Brailovsky, is in some ways a hideously symbolic

He is Evgeny Yakir, and he is a symbol of the unchanging nature of Soviet tyranny because he is both the son of Colonel Yakir and the nephew of General Piotr Yakir, both of them heroes of the Revolution. Evgeny's l

father also fought in the Spanish Civil War and was killed after he Civil War and was killed after he returned to the Soviet Union; Evgeny's uncle, the General, one of the five leading generals in the Red Army, was one of those loyal Soviet commanders murdered by Stalin after trials, or condemnations without trial, more horrible, in the utterly impossible crimes the defendants were accused of and made to confess to, than even the show trials of fess to, than even the show trials of Stalin's civilian associates. A far-off glimpse of the world of madness and cruelty in which Evgeny Yakir was born and in which his father died can be caught in this excerpt from Robert Conquest's monumental classic on the Stalin Purges, The Great

Yakir sent a letter to Stalin from his prison cell, assuring him of his

complete innocence. He wrote:

My entire conscious life has been spent working selflessly and honestly in full view of the Party and its leaders. . . Every word I say is honest, and I shall die with words of love for you, the Party, and the country, with boundless faith in the victory of

Communism.

Stalin wrote on this letter: "Scoundrel and prostitute". Voroshilov added: "A perfectly accurate description". Molotov put his name to this and Kaganovich appended: "For the traitor and scum one punishment—the death sentence". In 1937, when Evgeny's father and uple were billed he was seven years uncle were killed, he was seven years old; his mother was sent to a Siberian concentration-camp from which she emerged only in 1945 (Evgeny had be brought up by relatives). And Stalin's heirs, it seems, are still not finished with the Yakir

family; Evgeny, now an expert in hydrodynamics, hydrostatics and oil hydraulics, was working at the Soviet Institute of Applied Mechanics until, in 1973, he applied for permission to leave the country. It was refused; he was immediately sacked; and for seven years he has been unable to earn his living in his own country and forbidden to seek it in another. But if the destroyers of the Yakirs are consistent, the family is no less consistent in its courage; my informants tell me that Evgeny retains his cheer-

fulness, ebuilience and courage.
(To be concluded)

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The endless competition for the countryside

Because relationship between British farming, the conservationist lobby and Government, the Wildlife and Countryside Bill, which has had a second reading in the Lords, cannot be expected to solve all the problems. ted to solve all the problems. In the debate, Lord Walston pointed out that our country-side is the product of farming and we have no right to say and we have no right to say is must not be changed. Inevitably, however, there is competition for use of the countryside between the development of agriculture and the preservation of flora and fauna.

fauna. The treatment of pasture with fertilizers or herbicides tends to have deleterious effects on wildlife, which has become increasingly dependent on the remaining uncropped areas of woodland and moor, high mountain tops and undrained land. There have been heavy losses of hedgerows, desiroying

Simply to urge that these practices should be "stopped" is to miss the point, Food has to be produced at an acceptable able price to consumers, and modern farming needs large arable areas for economic operation. The countryside cannot be fossilized into a pastoral world of nymphs and shepherds.

Fortunately, farmers are often conservationists, by temperament and through selfinterest. But there are other competitors fighting for rural land use, city dwellers who want a share for recreation; want a share for recreation; who are slow to recognize that their playground is others' work-place; who regard farmers' bulls as trespassers on their footpaths; who understandably want the blessed relief from arid towns that green fields can offer. Developers too want green field sites for housing estates.

In order to control these multiple pressures, successive governments have made some attempt towards a rural use strategy, in which selectivity is a key factor. The best areas are to be preserved even at the cost of downgrading the rest.

The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (as successively amended), has established National Nature Reserves (NNRs), and some Reserves (NNRs), and some 3,535 sites of special scientific interest covering 1,230,000 hectares, that is, 5.3 per cent of the total land surface of Great Britain. Planning regulations ensure that no site development may occur without owner and planning authority being notiplanning authority being notified; and that these selected areas are managed primarily for conservation, with Nature Conmervancy Council grants to finance specific projects. A broad range of advisory and consultative services is available via the Nature Conservancy Council, the Farming and This campaign is now reach. Wildlife Advisory Group and

and Advisory Services of the Ministry of Agriculture.
Is not all this enough? Dear no! The current extends the system. The Secretary of State, on advice from the Nature Conservancy Council, will be able henceforth to designate selected areas, the owner or occupier of which will have to notify the Council of changes which might destroy natural features or harm wild-life. Orders can be made on the

&I never know nowadays if

of the triangular basis of a particular species, hip between British geological or physiographical the conservationist features. There is to be an appeal procedure against Orders, and another procedure encouraging Council and owner to enter into management agreements so that land can be utilized with conservation features in mind. As a last resort, the Council will have compulsory purchase powers.

In sites of special scientific interest, economic considera-tions are subordinate to conservation; for example the capital grant process is inhibited by the need to take conservation into account. It is not proposed to pay any compensation simply for loss of capital value as a result of land being subject to an Order, but expenditure rendered abortive by an Order is to be reimbursed. In fact, private owners seek continuity, an assurance that they will be able to pass on land intact to the next generation, for whom they see themselves as stewards or quasi-trustees. What they urgently need is relief from capital transfer tax . . . the biggest threat.

There is an obvious precedent: the carefully planned form of bargain between owners and State introduced to preserve the National Heritage, The active and thrusting Heritage lobby has fought for—and won —valuable concessions permit-ting deferral—not cancellation of capital taxes on stately homes, gardens, contents and surrounding land in return for promises to maintain for poste-rity and grant public access. Tax-free endowment funds can also be set up.

also be set up.

Under this system, now made workable by Finance Act 1980, land of "outstanding scenic, historic or scientific interest" can be "designated" by HM Treasury in advance of a particular transfer, so conferring tax relief. A very high standard is required, e.g. land in a national park or area of outstanding natural, beauty. For scientific natural beauty. For scientific land, it is accepted that only limited access may be desirable.

So far access has been crucial in the tax bargain; it is what the State gets for the tax yield foregone, and which it passes on to the city-dweller as his share of the spoils. That seems fair enough, since high capital taxes and land values make tax relief a tasty and effective carrot to dangle. Also tax deferral carries useful sanctions. If an owner fails to keep his bargain, a demand is presented to him for what he would have paid if the bargain had never been struck.

If capital tax relief is to be

accepted as a valid mechanism to preserve our countryside, much remains to be done. More streamlined procedures and practices are needed, so that owners will know in advance whether the tests will be satisfied. Under the Countryside Bill, designation is initiated by government; for tax purposes, designation is initiated by to owner. In general, the criteria for different kinds of "designation" need to be fully aligned, and a total package created and publicized. Three government departments will be involved, Environment, Agriculture and Revenue, and all will need to work together.

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Richard Dowden on the tangled roots of the civil war in El Salvador

Where security can be a deadly word

tral American state, it was hardly ever mentioned.

El Salvador is slightly larger than Wales but it is densely populated with 5.5 million people. Nearly three quarters of the land is owned by an offigarchy known as "the 14 families". Land is given over to export crops such as coffee—a policy which creates a mass of landless destitute

According to 1976 United recognized it and offered Nations statistics 75 per cent assistance in implementing the of Salvadorean children under land reform programms. five years old, suffer from malpopulation lack clean water, unemployment runs at 50 per cent and 90 per cent of the population earn less than £50 a

The murderous civil war in the country has frequently been presented in the media as a battle between "left" and "right" which the "right" which the "moderate" reformist junta and the army are unable to and the army are unable to Democrats and the military at the beginning of 1980 but in It is true that at each end of the first four months of the

As the persistent fever of political assassinations breaks into open civil war in El Salvador, the country has begun to be noticed by the world's media. Last year, despite some 10,000 violent deaths in the tiny Central American state it was country. country.

When the Government of When the Government of President Carlos Humberto Romero was overthrown in October 1979 it was replaced by a junta which was described by one of its military members, Colonel Adolfo Majano, as "moderate left". It certainly included a broad spectrum of political views and carried political views and carried with it the hopes for land and social reform. The United States

nutrition, 63 per cent of the net ministers, 10 heads of government agencies and four out judges profiered their resigna-tions. The issue was the lack of progress on reform and the continued killings by the continued killings by the security forces which the Goverament seemed powerless to

A new junta was formed from the rump of the Christian



year the number of killings exceeded the 1979 total. The independents, com-munists, social democrats and the moderate Christian democrats formed the Frente Democratico Revolucionario, the FDR, an umbrella opposigroup. Its military counguerrilla groups, is the Fara-bundo Marti National Libera-tion Front (FMNL) which accepts the political leadership of the FDR. With the recent ousting of Colonel Majano from the junta, the last reforming elements in the army have been purged, and have joined the emocratic political groups in

opposition. But the seesaw has tioped because the army has retained power by force. It is now led by Colonel Jaime

Abdul Guttierez was has also been made Vice President to the Christian Democrat Presi-dent Napoleon Duarte, an ineffectual figurehead who was installed on December 14.

The Government, the army and the death squads are now

parts of a seamless clock of repression. The Government denoduces the death squads but is mable to make the army control them. It seems unwilling or unable to purge the security forces of members of the death squads or those who are sympathetic to them. The evidence collected by Catholic priests, nuns and Church workers has led the Socorro Juridico, the legal aid office of the Archdiscese of San Salvador, to conclude toat 50 per cent of the killings which took place last year were assassinations of unarmed

civilians by the security forces.

Archbishop Oscar Romero spoke out continually against this arbitrary killing, a stand which led to his own assassination in March last year. Just before he was murdered he said that repression against the people had increased tremen-"Armed troops search dously. farm houses, burn peasants' belongings and kill people. There is a clear programme

aimed at destroying the pop-ular organizations. Leaders of unions and other popular organizations are being organizations systematically persecuted."

At his own funeral more than thirty people died. The official version said that there were no troops in the vicinity of the Cathedral at the time. The entire body of visiting bishops presiding at the funeral denied this and said they saw several troops near the Cathedral.

Again, the statement of the Maryknoll sisters, the Catholic missionary order, four of whose members were murdered on December 4, repudered diated the government version of their deaths and said that there was a high probability that the security forces were involved in the these four women ": These are the cases which

have already appeared in the world's press but the Socorro Juridico has collected evidence of thousands of other killings involving security forces. Local advocates and organizers of the land reform programme, identified fronically by elections, are fre-quently arrested, taken sway and shor, sometimes after being mutilated by torture.

The United States, unwilling to see another Central American state follow the same part as Nicaragua, is supporting the government of El Salvador with aid, 90m dollars worth in 1980. Although it has recently cut off military aid, it supplies military advisers and indirectly trains Salvadorean soldiers in

It has tried to find a third way between the guerrillas and the oligarchy a third way which seems not to exist.

On December 10 the FMNL launched an all-out attack in-rural areas hoping to bring down the government before Ronald Reagan becomes President of the United States on. January 20.

ing a crescendo. Aithoi United States is unlikely to intervene militarily, the Reagan administration will probably increase aid to the government, restore military aid and may countenance or even encourage other Central American governments to lend their troops to the Salvadorean government The country is now entering a full civil war which is unlikely to end until a government emerges which can control the

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And first by a mere 24 hours....

Wrath and indignation has Wrath and indignation has descended from many quarters following my speculations in this space the other day on which was actually the first day of the week. Many readers have discreed me, not always in tones of Christian charity, to the Book of Genesis, which they say gives irrefutable proof that God started making the world on a Sunday.

Well, it doesn't. No starting

Well, it doesn't. No starting Well, it doesn't. No starting time, day or date is given by the reporter who wrote the Old Testament's lead story. It is merely tradition which dictates when our week should begin. Tradition, at least among publishers of diaries, is moving heavily in favour of Mondays, which as your any recall is how which as you may recall is how this earnest debate began.

this earnest debate began.

I have taken advice from the Board of Deputies of British Jews, whose week undoubtedly begins on a Sunday, and who of all people ought to know why. "There is certainly no mention of days of the week in Genesis," they assured me. "The Jewish Sabbath was not fixed until the fourth century, and it is tradition rather than evidence which has fixed it on a Saturday."

As inventors of the Sabbath,

fixed it on a Saturday."

As inventors of the Sabbath, Jews naturally use diaries which begin on Sunday, which is regarded as a normal working day in Israel. The Chief Rabbi's office also mentioned in passing, but with some pride, that the Conservative Party has moved its annual conference back a week this year to avoid a clash with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on October 8.

Christians celebrate their day of rest on Sundays, partly in commemoration of the Resurrection but also because the earliest Christians, who were Jews, had an extra day of prayer after the traditional after prayer Sabbath

Very well, I concede that, based on tradition rather than fact. God began to make the world on a Sunday, and that should therefore be the first day of the week, in spite of the efforts of so many current diaries and calendars to make us think otherwise. But I still say that if the job had been given to MacAlpines they would have started it a day

Pick and palette

Miners are a romantic bunch who yiew with nostalgia the bad old days of pit ponies, dust and the winning of coal by pick and shovel. At least that is the impression given by the entries in the mineworkers' annual painting competition, on show at the National Coal Board's London headquarters in Grosvenor Place until Friday.

Ponies are a favoured subject, although they are up longer in

although they are no longer in regular use at NCB pits. Scruffy old weed-strewn pitheads, back-to-back cottages in Durham min-ing villages, and even a rosy pastoral scene of a pithead of the early 1800s, all hark back to an earlier age when low wages and high risk forged the strong community spirit which still sets miners as a race apart. Jack Reading, the contest organizer, told me: "Most miner artists get nostalgic about miner artists get nostalgic about the old times. Our chairman, Sir Derek Exra, would rather they showed the clean, modern industry, but if that is the image he wants he should get a photogrepher, not a painter."

Perhaps significantly, the 1500 first prize went to David Whartoh, a fitter on the coal face at Gedling colliery near Nottingham, who painted his mates—and himself—emerging victorious from the cage after

victorious from the cage after being the first shift to cut 1,000 metres of Gedling coal at one, crouching. Wharton snatched the award from under the noses of a number of outsiders, in-cluding professional artists, who were allowed to enter for the first time this year. Like the famous Ashington

group of miner artists of the

thirties who learned the basics of their craft through the Workers' Educational Association, Wharton is largely selftaught, apart from a few even ing classes to learn the ground rules of technique. The Ashing-ten paintings now hang in the NCB staff college at Long-benton, Northumberland. Per-haps Wharton's canvas should hang in Sir Keith Joseph's office to remind him that we have at least on reasonably efficient and successful nationalized industry.

My apologies to Richard Seifert, the architect, to whom I mistakenly awarded a knight-hood in yesterday's edition. His open-plan design for The Times office cannot be conducive to

Lean time

Should you be walking in a state of perfect sobriety along Bridge Street, Westminster, and happen to glance up at Big Ben with the distinct impression that it is leaning over, do not under any circumstances panic. Your eyes no not deceive you. The Department of the Environment confirm that the clock tower is leaning 15 clock tower is leaning 15 inches to the north-west. But that is not all; the great square Victoria Tower, at the other end of the Palace of Westminster, is leaning 15 inches to the south-west. Indeed a great deal of London is off the plumb; the Monument in the City inclines 12 inches to the south-west. But allow me to inject a sense of proportion. to inject a sense of proportion by reminding you that the Leaning Tower of Pisa is no less than 14 feet out of true at

St Paul's Cathedral, I gather, is still pointing more or less the right way up, but it is rising and falling. The main piers supporting the dome are pressing into the blue clay below at a slightly inwards angle, forcing the dome upwards. At the same time other parts of the building are sinking



slowly into the subsoil. A short distance to the east, a corner of the Bank of England has gone down seven inches in the last 70 years; and the Tower of London, while neither sinking nor rising to any appreciable degree, is moving minutely able-degree, is moving minutely away from the Thames.

It all has to do with geology; London is gradually settling into its bed of clay, while at the same time the whole of south-east England is filting into the sea, a fact which is almost certain to make the higgly expensive Thames flood. hugely expensive Thames flood barrier obsolescent before the twenty-first century is very old. Peak condition

As this is the International Year of the Disabled, I shall tell you about Norman

tell you about Norman Croucher, before he departs for the Andes to climb Aconcagua (22,832 feet). Croucher, who makes a habit of climbing unpronounceable South American peaks despite having two artifical legs, has

very confirmed views about newspapers report the achievements people. They should be portrayed, he says, warts, wooden legs, and all. His approach, which has some relevance in this particular year, is that goggle-eyed, rosy-tinted, leglessman-climbs-Andes media coverage sets the disabled apart and does them more harm than good. He should know; he has had his own fair share of it.

He lost his legs from the knees downwards 21 years ago at the age of 19 but was lucky, he says, that the knee joints were preserved. Two years ago he led an expedition to Husecaran, one of the highest Andean peaks at 21,830 feet, and this year he is taking part in two more climbs to promote the Disabled Sports Foundation, of which he is an adviser, and the Prinish Sports Association for the Disabled, which is short of volunteers to co-ordinate its

Apparently some of the less expensive newspapers, which do not like their idels to have feet of clay, are reticent about mentioning the precise circummentioning the precise circumstances which created his dis-ability, and about which he is perfectly fortbricht. "It was my own fault entirely. I fell in front of a train when: I was drunk." No doubt at all; he's one of us.

A researcher from the Institute of Psychiatry has been handing out questionneires to all members of the editorial staff of this newspaper to discover whether, in view of the stresses associated with our uncertain future, the little yellow van should be sent for. After numerous questions about loss of sleep and the hopelessness of life, we are asked how many times in the last week we have drunk eight or more measures of spirits at a sitting. The consenus of opinion is: "Not nearly enough."

Alan Hamakon

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COLONEL GADDAFI'S LEBENSRAUM

to condemn the Libyan occupation of Chad during his visit to Morocco. The expansionist ambitions of the Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, pose a threat to the stability of North and West Africa, and by extension to the Middle East.

On the face of it, it is true. Colonel Gaddafi's men intervened in Chad in order to lend the Government of President Goukouni Oueddei a helping hand in defeating the rebels led by the former Defence Minister, Hissene Habre. A month ago the Libyan intervention tilted the balance, and the capital. Ndjamena, passed from rebel control back to the Government. Far from withdrawing, subsequently, however, Colonel quently, however, Colonel Gaddali has dug in, and according to some reports has reinforced the estimated 4,000 strong force (equipped with tanks and artillery) which he sent to President Oueddei's aid. Last week the Libyan leader announced that Libya and Chad had "merged", a move which to all intents and purposes is a Libyan annexation of Chad in disguise.

The record of Libya's mergers" with other states has not been a successful one. The most recent venture of the kind - the "union" with Syriaseems to be foundering on the difficulties involved in reconciling two countries with strongwilled leaders and differing political systems. Syria is in any case geographically separated from Libya by over a thousand miles. Chad, however, is both next door to Libya and internally weak, and the Libyan-Chad merger" has caused considerable anxiety in other neighbour-

ing states: Libya is bounded directly not only by Chad, but also by Niger, the Sudan, as well as Tunisia and Algeria. Control of Chad will give Colonel Gaddafi further access to Nigeria, Cameroun, and the Central African Republic. Much of the territory in question is little more than desert, but judging from maps published in Tripoli, the Libyan leader is nonetheless aiming at an Islamic

last week over the allocation of

sion will now be required on the

question of who should take over

the important sector of agricul-

ture, looked after by Mr Gunde-

lach with some distinction for the

past four years. The Danish gov-

ernment has made it clear that #

expects its own nominee, who

will take Mr Gundelach's place

in the Commission, to get the agriculture job too; but that is

not a foregone conclusion. Agri-

culture is bound to be a sought-

after job, and a new balance will

have to be struck inside the Com-

mission when Mr Gundelach's

sioner who now takes over agri-culture will have to plunge straight into the thick of things.

The Commission's proposals for

prices for the next farming year

ficult tussle—are due soon, and had been expected by the end of

this month. Then there is the

all-important question of the

reform of the Community budget,

always the beginning of a dif-

Whoever he is, the Commis-

successor is known.

responsibilities. A further deci-

A DIFFICULT POST TO FILL

The sudden death of Mr. Gunde- on which the Commission has to

lach is a further blow to the new make proposals by the middle of

European Commission, which the year, Reform of budget spending inevitably means an attempt to control control

ideas.

Lord Carrington was clearly right tutelage. Besides, the region is not without resources-Niger, for example, is rich in uranium, .

The states of North and West Africa clearly believe that the Libyans are not likely to stop at Chad. Nigeria has complained for some time of Libyan interference in its affairs, and particularly resents the open recruitment by Libya of Moslems from Northern Nigeria to fight for it in the Chadian civil war. Relations between Tripoli and Lagos recently reached breaking point, and the Libyan Ambassador to Nigeria was expelled when the Libyans turned their Lagos Embassy into a "Peoples Bureau", one of the practices which has earned Colonel Gaddafi his reputation as a man whose policies are often daft as well as dangerous.

The expulsion of ambassadors, on the other hand, is not a step which is likely to deter Libyan ambition, and although Nigeria (as an oil-producing state of some size) carries weight in the region, most of the countries concerned are so small-and often so divided internally—that they can be taken over and controlled by a limited military force. The power best placed to prevent this happening is France, which has traditional interests in the area, and was once the principal colonial

France already has troops stationed in East Africa—in Senegal, Gabon and the Ivory Coast, and is now actively considering sending units to Niger to guard the uranium mines which supply France's nuclear industry. This week more French marines and paratroopers were sent to reinforce France's largest West African force, in the Central African Republic, bringing the total French combat strength there to 2,000 or so. France and Libya have previously crossed swords the Central African over Republic (formerly the Central African Empire). In 1979, French troops deposed the selfproclaimed Emperor Bokassa, Gaddafi's Colonel despite attempts to keep him in power. The French Government has condemned Libya's takeover of Saharan Republic under his Chad as "a threat to the security

attempt to control spending on

agriculture, which takes up some 70 per cent, and increase spend-

ing in other areas. So Mr Gunde-

lach's successor in the agricul-

ture job, who may not have Mr

Gundelach's approach to the sub-

ject, will be in a key position as

the Commission prepares its

Mr Gundelach's own record

was that of a defender of the

basic principles of the common

agricultural policy—the granting

of preference to producers from

member countries, a common rice system backed by interven-

don buying, and joint financial

esponsibility. But he, more than his predecessors in the job, was aware that the policy was not

working well in practice, as was

shown by the huge and costly

surpluses that have accumu-

lated and by the fact that

though the bigger farmers have

done well out of it, it has done little for the small ones. In

recent years the Commission has

tried to hold down price

increases and has made proposals

of Africa", and evidently regards the Central African Republic as Libya's next likely target. France has also sent a military mission to Khartum to discuss an increase in its level of aid to the Sudan.

On the other hand, France is understandably reluctant to intervene directly, unless asked to do so. In Chad, France backed the rebel forces with both words and weapons, but, short of committing its own forces, was unable to prevent the defeat of the pro-French rebels (a serback which has been roundly criticized in the French press). To make matters worse, on the day France attacked Colonel Gaddafi for his merger with Chad, the state-owned oil company Elf-Aquitaine signed several oil exploration agree-ments with Libya, leaving embarrassed Government officials to explain that they had not been consulted, and did not

approve. In the final analysis, it will be for the African states themselves to resist the Libyan advance, if necessary with the backing of French military muscle. African heads of state have been meeting in Lome under the chairmanship of President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone, the current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity. It was the OAU-or rather, the six member countries most directly concerned, Libya, Sudan, the Central African Republic, Cameroun, Niger and Nigeria—which worked out a ceasefire formula for Chad in Lagos last vear.

Since the Libyan Foreign Min-ister, Ali Abdessalem Triki is attending the Lome meeting, the OAU has an opportunity to take Libya to task, as well as to reiterate its support for the Lagos agreements. It can also stress the need for national unity in member states. In Chad, after all, there are at least eleven warring factions, some Moslem (from the North), some Christian (from the South), and some a mixture of the two. Given their vulnerability, and the predatory nature of their more powerful Libyan neighbour, civil strife is a luxury which the smaller African states cannot afford.

for curbing overproduction. Some have been accepted, but all too often they have been swept aside by the Ministers of Agriculture, whose prime concern has been the pressure from farming lobbies in their own countries.

The situation has been changed by the prospect that the Com-munity will soon reach the limit of the resources available to it, and so cannot continue to increase its spending as it has in the past. At the same time Britain, which suffers most from the agricultural policy, has said that it does not challenge the basic principles as such. So some way has to be found to reform the actual working of the policy- possibly by limiting the quantities that are given unlimited price guarantees, pos-sibly by shifting some of the burden of support from the Community budget to national exchequers, possibly by setting prices at a level which would be adequate for efficient farmers and providing support through other means for the idefficient. Means can be found if the political will is there, and it will be up to the Commission, including Mr Gundelach's successor, to take the initiative.

Drinking and driving From the Chief Constable of

Warwickshire Sir, In its forthcoming debate on those clauses of the Transport Bill which relate to drinking and driving Parliament will once more be considering the delicare balance between the liberty of the individual and restrictions of that liberty which may be necessary to improve road

safety.

The Bill contains much which will appeal to police and to the motorist. The introduction of elec-tronic breath analysis machines for use at police stations will largely replace the need for blood or urine samples thereby removing from the procedure much which is distasteful to the motorist and the police alike, as well as eliminating the present time lapse between taking a specimen and obtaining the results of laboratory analysis. A new electronic device for roadside screening tests, already tried, tested and approved, will enable police to warn a driver that he is close to the limit and should therefore proceed with caution.

The test of the Bill in the context of drinking and driving is quite simply whether the new proposals will enable the police to operate more effectively over a lasting period. It is no secret that a majority of chief constables would have welcomed some additional deterrent powers, for example, a provision enabling a senior officer with a responsibility for a police area, at his discretion, to set up in that area properly co-ordinated and supervised checks aimed at the drinking driver at locations and at times where accident statistics would clearly justify such a course of action.

This, I suggest, would be far removed from giving unqualified power to each and every constable to carry out tests as and where he chooses and without good reason, in other words at random. But it seems that the decision in this area has been taken and it is not for police to enter the political arena.

One aspect of the Bill which the police view with grave misgivings, which my association has passed on by way of letter to the Home Secre-tary, as the section which will exclude an officer from requiring a specimen of breath "while the a specimen of breath "while the constable is a trespesser in a place from which that person is emitted to exclude hith." Such provision will effectively extend the sanctity of an Englishman's home to an absurd degree, linking the pockets of the lawyers into the bargain for the scope for legal debate will be limitless. limitless.

If the clause becomes law a suspect driver ampaired through drink, perhaps being pursued by police after a non-stop accident, will be able to avoid the consequences of his actions by taking refuge, for example, at his golf club, in his warehouse or even in his field if he harpens to own one. Surely the matter of police intrusion on personal liberty in this regard could left to the wisdom of her Majesty's judges rather than providing statutory encouragement for an impaired driver to race for the nearest haven, probably endangering himself and other road users in

the process. The findings of the recently pub lished Sunday Times opinion poll (December 28, 1980) merely con-firm my belief, shared by many of my colleagues, that a very large percentage of the motoring public, all too well aware of their chances of being involved as an innocent party in an accident, are now anxious to improve their prospects of survival by strengthening the powers of the police in such a way that they are able to deal more effectively with the motorist whose ability to drive is impaired through drink.

Yours faithfully, ROGER BIRCH, Chief Constable, Honorary Secretary, Traffic Com-mines of the Association of Chief Police Officers, Chief Constable's Office, PO Box No 4. Leek Wootton, Warwick.

The Pope in Britain From the Reverend A. P. Baker and others

Sir, The basic question at issue with regard to the proposed visir of the Pope to Canterbury is the doctrine enshrined in the Roman Catholic Mass. The saying of such a Mass in Canterbury Cathedral would, we are advised by counsel, constitute an ecclesiastical offence.

We may safely presume that neither the Archbishop of Canterbury nor the Dean would be party to a breach of the law, and there-fore the question, raised in The Times Diary (December 23), of whether the Pope will be invited to say Mass in the Cathedral cannot in fact arise. Yours faithfully,

TONY BAKER, Chairman, Latimer House, Oxford. JOHN PEARCE, Chairman,

Church Society, D. N. SAMUEL, General Secretary, Protestant Reformation Society, East Ravendale Rectory, Grimsby, South Humberside.

Hot under collar

From Mr Ivan Mason Sir, In the good days when Mr Harold Macmillan was in Downing Street and there was a Naval Out-fitters in Old Bond Street, many of us wore a stiff white collar every

working day. But even then it was expensive and sometimes difficult to get one's collar properly laundered, but in Bond Street one could buy a supply of excellent paper ones matching the best of Irish linen.

These could be reversed on the second day and then used as fire lighters. Yours, etc. IVAN MASON, Broad Water, Thorpeness,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Chemical weapons control

From Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conscruative)

Sir. Your Defence Correspondent admirably described (feature, January 9) both the problems John Nott, our new Secretary of State for Defence, will have in finding savings in Britain's defence estimates for 1981-82 and how in defence terms "the eggs are in too many baskets". May I, therefore, suggest to John Nott that this is not the time to add one new item to our armoury-a capability for offensive chemical warfare. There were grounds for thinking that his outtanding predecessor, Francis Pym. was persuaded of the need for such a major policy change.

I do not dispute that there is cause for concern over the Soviet Union's growing capacity for chemical warfare. There have been recent reports that over 15 per cent of their missiles are equipped with chemical ammunition and that some 90,000 Soviet troops are deployed in chemical warfare units, General Sir Walter Walker has stated in your columns : Their doctrine regards the tactical

use of chemical weapons as a normal form of conventional war-fare, and in this field they are militarily equipped psychologically prepared than any other country in the world." Nato as a whole has chemical weapons available to it as the

United States maintains an offen-sive chemical capability. For many years British governments have not believed it necessary for British forces to stockpile offensive chemical weapons as well and I believe that is still the correct

A move by Britain to develop an offensive capability would go right against our long-standing commit-ment to achieve a form of arms control to prohibit not only the use of chemical wespons but also their possession and to thus extend the 1925 Geneva Protocol Such a commitment should not be dismissed lightly in this dangerous decade. Britain should continue to develop sophisticated defensive measures against a chemical attack. As it is, our protective clothing and

detection equipment are among the best in the world).

In short, this is not the time for Britain to be spending money on producing an expensive offensive chemical capability. It is the time to take the lead in getting an agreement on the control of chemical weapons, and searching for some acceptable form of verification, Yours faithfully,

CYRIL D. TOWNSEND, House of Commons. January 12.

Lets and hindrances From Mr John Pomian

Sir, Dr Wilkes (January 8) did a great service in drawing attention to Western red tape obstructing vistors from Eastern Europe. Resextent, and the damage done, is seldom realized in Britain.

travelling exhibition of old master drawings from Poland which went on show in the museums of Cambridge, Birmingham, Cardiff and Dublin. It was all done with the assistance of the Foreign Office, the Arts Council and the British Conneil.

Polish curators were invited to come, as international practice requires, to accompany the works of art on their journeys and extend the openings at various museums. They all applied for their British visas at least three, and sometimes five weeks prior to departure. Out of the nine individual visits necessitated during the seven months when the exhibition was on display in the British Isles, only in two cases were visas obtained without the need for intervention at departmental level in Whitehall. In one case the visit had to be cancelled altogether because of the delay, and on emother a curator was prevented from actending the unpacking of the drawings, as well as the ceremonial opening and civic reception, and could only arrive the day after. In every other case vises were delivered at the last moment, and the consequent uncertainty caused anxiety and sometimes severe inconvenience. The exhibition took place within the framework of the Anglo-Polish cultural agreement, the aim of which is to promote good will and mutual understanding

Two departments, the Foreign Office and the Home Office, handle visas for East Europeans. Each points an accusing finger at the other, while the existing regulations provide employment for civil servants who implement them. That is why I was told by my friends in Westminster that virtually nothing can be done. Yours faithfully,

JOHN POMIAN. 59 Jermyn Street, SW1.

Clear as a bell From Mr John Gent

Sir, It would be wrong for RSM Brittein (obituary, January 12) to be remembered as the man with loudest voice in the British Army. He certainly had a voice which distances, but this was due to a peculiar bell-like quality which his voice possessed, which gave it a melodious resonance which could be beard from afar. He was the only man I ever met to whom the phrase "a voice like a bell" was appropriate. Yours etc, JOHN GENT, 37 Woodlands Road, Bishop Auckland, . County Durham.

Ms Harriet Harman

A letter about the recent confermit costs brought by the Home Office against the National Council for Civil Liberties' legal officer. Ms Harriert Harman, referred to a "deliberate" breach of undertaking by her. Ms Harman points out, and we accept, that this was inaccurate. Her good faith was never questioned by the Home Office or by the judge, and there was tower a deliberate breach of any undertaking or of a professional obligation, We are glad to apologize to Ms Harman for this inaccuracy and regret any embarrassment this mistake may have caused her.

National Insurance burden on industry

your Political Editor (report, January 13) that the Chancellor intends to go for an "incentive" Budget strategy. It is less encouraging to gather that he has so far not been persuaded that the best incentive

for all at this particular time would be a cut in the National Insurance surcharge (NIS).

When this tax was imposed as a "temporary" measure by the former Labour Chancellor, Mr Denis Healey, it was seen then by the Opposition for what it is: a tax on jobs. It affects exports but not imports, thus damaging international competitiveness against foreign goods at a time when our ability to compete is affected by the strong pound. How temporary is "temporary"? "temporary" is "temporary"?
And are not the solid reasons advanced against the tax when it was first imposed equally justified

No doubt the Chancellor likes it because it is a convenient tax and, on the surface, does not directly affect the retail price index. But only on the surface, In fact, because it raises costs overall, it infiltrates into all prices. If the Chancellor argues that abolishing the tax would cost too much money, then there are certainly good grounds for substantially culting it as the first step towards phasing it out. A number of our industrial rivals overseas are doing this now-improving their competitiveness and

From the Director-General of the raising employment by reducing the Confederation of British Industry

Sir, It is encouraging to learn from ployers. We should not let them steal yet another march on us.

· Nor should he believe those arguments that cutting the tax would merely put more money into the hands of the unproductive end of business. Our calculations suggest that of the total NIS burden on the private sector and the public corporations, taken together 70 per cent is now accounted for by business "in need" across the spectrum from manufacturing to constructing from tourism to distri-

bution and many more. A two per cent cut in the charge could mean a balance of payments improvement, lower retail prices. and within two years perhaps 200,000 more jobs; most important of all, an improvement in profit levels and a consequent impact on investment.

Other Budgetary measures to help industry, such as a cut in the fuel oil duty and some measures to ease the burden of rates-both high on the list of CEI priorities-would be no substitute for imaginative action on the NIS. But if the Chancellor cannot do this then he should be generous elsewhere. Otherwise, the phrase an "incentive strategy" will be meaningless to our creators. Yours sincerely,

TERENCE BECKETT, Confederation of British Industry, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, WC1. January 13.

EEC fishing zones

From Mr R. J. H. Beverton, FRS Sir, Professor Wynne-Edwards's plea (January 2) for a different approach to the EEC fisheries problems will strike a chord of sympathy with all those of us who have watched, in growing desperation, the hitherto fruitless attempts of mem-ber countries to reach agreement. His solution, to divide up the EEC area into exclusive national fishing zones so that each country has, in

effect, its own back garden to tend

is not, however, as attractive as it

may seem at first sight. To enjoy one's own garden and its produce with reasonable assur-ance for the future, the fence should surround not only the fruit and flowers for harvesting but also the seed stock, the greenhouse and the nursery beds. The distribution of the main fish stocks of the EEC area does not, unfortunately, match such a requirement. The most important species, including haddock, herring, cod and plaice, make use during their life-cycle of the greater part of the space and basic productivity of the North Sea spawning in one area, growing up in snother, and ranging widely for food as adults.

I can give here just two examples of the consequences. Haddock, as juveniles, spread themselves over nuch of the north and central regions of the North Sea, where they are vulnetable as a by-catch in the small-meshed nets used for industrial fishing, mainly by comtries other than Britain. Again, a contributory cause of the decline of the North Sea herring has been the growth since the war of the Danish industrial fishing for young berring on the Bloeden Ground in the eastern North Sea. No politically feasible system of national fishing

zones would provide adequate long term safeguards to British fishing interests in either case, or ensure the good husbandry of the EEC fish resources generally.

The fact that in much of the EEC area the fish stocks and the fishing activities of the member countries are closely interwoven is inescapable. Therefore, to my mind the best—and probably the only—way ahead is still to treat the stocks as a common property resource and to continue to strive for agreement on their rational exploitation on a community basis. This was the sim of the former North East Atlantic Pisheries Convention and just this philosophy is surely at the heart of the concept of the EEC itself. But now the task is more straight-forward; fewer countries are involved and control can be more effective. Furthermore, in the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea the EEC has a source of scientific advice, inter-governmental but independent, which has rightly earned worldwide respect for its quality and objecti-

Shortly before Christmas agreement was on the verge of being reached on a system of quotas. These would not have given the British fishing industry all it wanted, but it would have at least offered the stability which the industry so organily needs in order to reshape itself for the future. I carnestly hope that the attractive. but I fear illusory, simplicity of Professor Wynne-Edwards's approach does not now become an excuse for yet further delay. Yours faithfully,

R. J. H. BEVERTON, 55 Sandown Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire.

Opus Dei

From Mr Harry Eiggs-Davison Sir, While intrigued by the tabloid-style revelations of your profile of Opus Dei (January 12), I think it is

regrettable that its writers chose not to develop the point that Opus Del in Britain "was registered as a charity with the stated object of advancing Roman Catholicism and of charitable works". For, though I am not a member of Opus Dei and have no intention of becoming one, I have been deeply impressed by the way in which the organization in Britain has gone about its stated

While it was correctly pointed out in the profile that residential accom-modation and educational facilities for university students are provided at Netherhall House, and these are not confined to Oous Dei members or even Catholics, it should be added that the various halls of residence have a specific formal character designed to encourage a Christian spirit of service. spirit of service.

The splendidly run boys' clubs and the help given to the old, sick and lonely in hospitals and homes around the various halls of residence in London, Manchester and Oxford in London, Manchester and Oxford are simple, but impressive, examples of the practical Christian works fostered by Opus Dei in this country. Is this not worthy of mention, whatever else the organization may or may not be? Yours faithfully,

HARRY BIGGS-DAVISON, 128 Kensington Church Street, W8. January 12.

Farewell to Blackwood's From Mrs F. R. Leavis

Sir, The farewell to "Maga" in today's Times (January 8) is unjust in stating that its editors were "uncomfortable with women", and wrong in asserting that George Eliot was the only distinguished women writer that Blackwood's Magazine attracted it Blackwood's Magazine attracted. It not only published Mrs Ohiphani's masterly novel Miss Marjoribanks as a serial and many other of her fictional works but also sponsored the career of this remarkable woman "as a sort of general utility woman in the Magazine" from her middle twen-ties onwards, as she says in the Annals of a Publishing House she wrote for them. She contributed

over 200 articles on literary subjects to "Maga".

The family certainly appreciated the talents of this leading woman of letters of the Victorian Age (George Eliot being the leading woman novelist, rather): in 1870 John Blackwood wrote: "The scene was like a drama. Mrs Oliphant up here, Col Lockhart and Lewes both talking first class with her, and I for some time downstairs speaking with George Eliot." A bandsome obituary notice appeared in "Maga" for her in 1897, which claimed for Mrs Oliphant "the proud title of the most accomplished periodical writer of the day". of the day ". Yours etc.

Q. D. LEAVIS, 12 Bulstrode Gardens, Cambridge.

Threat to Cornish woods From Mr C. F. Rawnsley

Sir. As the organizer and, for its first four years. Director of the National Trust's coastal conservation project which I named Enterprise Neptune, and as one who has known the Helford River for more than 60 years, I am deeply concerned about the proposal to substitute conifer plantations for the natural deciduous growth on Calamansack Point (report, December 29).

The haunting charm of this, in common with other Cornish estuerics, is in no small measure due to the characteristic canopy of almost impenetrable scrub oak which has covered its banks probably since vegetation first took hold after the last ice age.

The 40 acres of Calamansack Woods are an important section of this cancery, situated as they are on a consolicuous promontory at the seaward end of the undeveloped stretches of the river. A change in any part of those woods to an alien crop of conifers would irreparably alter the character of the landscape and might well prove the tone end of the wedge for the exploitation

of the banks by other riparian landowners.

The argument that in recent years the woods have been overcropped and need the protection which stands of conifers could provide does not bear examination. They have lain in their natural self-wasting and self-perpetuaring state entirely undisturbed since the turn of the century.

Conifers, fer from providing protection, would prove the first casu-alties to the gales sweeping in from the Atlantic, Memories of the havoc wrought by an exceptional storm a few years ago in the conifer plantations in many parts are too recent to have been forgotten. Besides, confer stands involve at regular intervals clear felling and replanting and during the period before the new crop has grown up the land presents a forlorn and derelict appearance.

It is to be earnestly hoped that permanent protection will be given to the Calamansack Woods. Yours faithfully,

CONRAD RAWNSLEY. Millhouse, Halfway Bridge, Near Petworth, West Sussex.

London University election

From Miss Patricia Rawlings

Sir, I, too, am a recent graduate of London University—so recent that I was to have been awarded my degree by the then Chancellor, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, at the 1980 presentation ceremony at the Albert Hall. They would be an occasion to which I and my was an occasion to which I and my thousands of fellow graduates, and our families, had been greatly looking forward, as also to the ecumeni-cal service at Westminster Cathedral which was to follow the presentation ceremony and which indeed was very much part of the whole duy of academic celebrations.

Unfortunately, the date chosen (many months in advance, as these things have to be) was May 14, which turned out to be the TUC's "day of action"; shortly before the day for which I and my fellow cay for which I and my fellow graduates had been so eagerly waiting, we each received a letter from the Vice-Chancelior telling us that the whole thing—presentation ceremony and service—had been cancelled because of the "wide-spread disruption" inevitable.

The "day of action" was a disaster from the point of view of the country as a whole and an even bigger one from that of the trade unions movement. It was a perfect example of the kind of ossified thinking represented for so long by Jack Jones, and a symbol of the legacy of industrial backwardness and folly he bequeathed to British on his regional form his region. on his retirement from his trade unions post, which had taken place not long before. And now I am asked to vote, in the election of a

new Chancelior, for him and all he stands for. I shall not.

A final point: in addition to the letter from the Vice-Chancelor announcing the cancellation, we also received one from the Queen Mother herself, expressing her disappointment and regret, with a special word of condolence for our families. If Mr Jones becomes Chancellor and the TUC helps to wreck another presentation ceremony, would be express his regret at what his friends, successors and pupils had managed to achieve?

Yours faithfully, PATRICIA RAWLINGS. 53 Eastcastie Street, W1. January 13. .

From Mr J. C. Shum

Sir, Whilst accepting that your London Disyist could not quote me fully in his otherwise first-class piece on the next Chancellor of London University (December 10), I fear that his quoting me not only out of context but also our of one sentence may have far-reaching complications which even he may not know of. May I now, please, be allowed to re-state what I origin-

aliv said?
I said: "I love my university sufficiently not to wish to be silent on this very important matter.

Apart from being one of the
younger members of the Royal Family, Princess Anne, I regret to bave to say, has no relevant quality qualification whatsoever known to the world to hold such a high office. (I did not say "high academic office".) The reputation of the University of London is no longer a domestic concern for the metropolis or even Britain; it has been for generations, and will continue to be the concern of thousands of its graduates from or working in, all corners of the globe. This world-class academic institution deserves. E Chancellor of the highest possible

Yours very sincerely, J. C. SHUM, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Glasgow College of Technology,

MIND and its work From Mr W. R. von Straubenzee, MP for Wokingham (Conservative)

Sir, On November 13 last Mr Bernard Levin devoted an entire column to strictures of me in highly personal terms and referred to my criticisms of the organization MIND. I have since received some critical comment that I never replied. I am grateful to you, therefore, for en-abling me to make three things

First, that for the third time Mr Levin's column was written without any prior reference to me, though clearly only after accepting briefing by Mr Smythe, the Director of MIND.

Second, that I did in fact reply but that you, Sir, after taking legal advice, decided not to publish my

Third. A central point made by Mr Levin was that I had been pursuing inquiries about the political activities of Mr Scrythe's wife, but that in fact Mr Striythe is unmarried. It is therefore relevant that in two separate letters written since the article appeared Mr Sonythe refers in terms first to "my wife" and second to being "the father of five and grandfather of one". Yours faithfully, W. R. van STRAUBENZEE.

Gold in the nose

House of Commons.

January 8.

From Mr A. J. Apt Sir, In your leader today (January 8) on cosmetic surgery, you refer to the gold nose of the Danish astronomer. Tycho Brahe. In fact, however, the presidesis was most early described as being of gold and silver, and it is clear from portraits that it was merely the bridge, not

the whole nose. Furthermore, it is reported that when Tycho was exhumed, in 1901, was found that there was a bright green stain on a scar near the nasal opening of the skull. (The prosthesis itself had vanished.) It was therefore concluded that Tycho's "nose" actually consisted of an alloy of copper, gold, and silver, and that Tycho was not simply being ostentatious, but was trying to achieve a flesh tone.

If we may judge from his quick temper, he was probably a rather florid gentleman. Yours faithfully.

ADAM J. APT, St Catherine's College. Oxford. January 8.

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West Germany.

Mr H. R. M. L. Levy and Miss J. N. Adam

Mr A. B. Todd and Miss R. S. Jeronimus

Mr M. H. Yeats and Miss R. Chapman

and Fraulein H. Herrmann
The engagement is announced hetween Charles Patrick, son of Colonel and Mrs P. R. R. de Burgh, of St Joan a Goze House, West Lavington, Devizes, Wiltshire, and Hildegard, daughter of Herr and Fran Karl Heinrich Herrmann, of Elberach/Baden, West Germany.

and this J. N. Adam

The engagement is announced between Henry, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. Levy, of London, NV3, and Nicky, younger daughter of the late Mr P. Adam and of Mrs Adam, of Crookham, near Newbury, Berkshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 13. Princess Alice Duchess
of Gloucester was represented by
Miss Jane Egerton Warburton at
the Requiem Memorial Mass for
Mrs Andrew Kerr which was held
at the Brompton Oratory this
morning.

morning.
The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-The Duke of Gloucestar, Colondin-Chief, 'Royal Pioneer Corps, received General Sir Hugh Beach on relinquishing the appointment of Colonel Commandant and Lieutenant General Sir George Cooper on assuming the appointment.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Arnold Haskell will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, on Wednesday, February 25, 1981, at noon.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Melville Arnott, 72; Mr Richard Briers, 47; Baroness Brooke of Ystradfellte, 73; Lord Catto, 53; Sir Neil Pritchard, 70; Sir Percy Rugg, 75; Dr Solomon Wand, 82.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Kem, as president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, attends meeting to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the association, Royal Society, 5.23

Lectures: Claude and his English followers, National Gallery, 1; The New York School, Tate Gallery, 1.

Gallery, 1.
Lunchtime music: Andrew Ball, piano, St Olave's, Hart Street, 1.05; Lucla Niuza, organ, St Eride's Fleet Street, 1.15 pm; Eride's Fleet Street, 1.15 pm;
Barbara Farrington, soprano,
Elliott Ware, piano, Holy Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct, 1.15.
Walk: British public houses, meet
Bond Street station, 7.30.
Exhibition: Art from playgroup
to foundation, Norwich School
of Art, St George's Street,
Norwich, 10-5.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Lord Rockley to be a trustee of the National Portrait Gallery. Mr Richard Rogers to be a trustee of the Tate Gallery. Mr Peter Davies to be deputy director of Northern Arts.

Mr John Allison, leader of West Glamorgan County Cound, and Mr John Franklin, manazing director of Powell Duffryn, to be deputy chairmen of the Development Corporation for Wales.

Latest wills Hilda Mary Colbert. of Hove, East

Sussex, left estate valued at ES2,909 net. After a personal bequest of E500 sha left the residue to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. the Simil Association.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Erewster, Captain Kenneth Woodhouse, of Eastbourne ... £142,503

Daggett, Mr William Ingledew, of Westminster, ear, nose and throat processing. specialist ... £187,874
Dawson, Mr Charles Dermot Rang-dale, of Cobham, Surrey £144,170
Goodman, Mr George Edward, of Alcester, Warwickshire, intestate £227,953

Hamiyn, Mrs Marie Louise, of Chelsea . f134,823 Hazell, Miss Betty Tomlin, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire £420,460

May Frederica, of Bournemouth Enfield, London . . . £147,150 Ratcliff, Mr Ernest Arthur. of Woodham Mortimer, Essex, farmer ... £635,027
Reeves, Josephine Margaret, of Kensington, London . £361,355
Scott, Janet Craigic, of Tunbridge Wells ... £127,565

Correction _

Dr.G. A. B. Shelton, co-author of a paper on zoology referred to in Science report on January 8, is in the Department of Zoology at Oxford University, not Cambridge.

Forthcoming marriages

Don Martin Cullen and the Hon Harriet Berry and the Hon Harriet Berry
The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Don Martin Cullen and Doña Mertedes Artayeta, of Buenos Aires, and Harriet, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Hartwell, of Oving House, Aylesbury.

Mr W. G. Hay. and Miss S. M. Elias

and Miss V. M. Gill
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr D. J. Parry-Crooke, of Folkestone, and Mrs Alan James, of 78 Gloucester Place, London Wi, and Vivienne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Ginl, of Woodhouse Avenue, Karori, Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr W. G. Tyser and Miss W. E. Baick-Foote

Eton College opens today for the Lent Half. There are 96 new boys. T. J. E. Brereton, KS, is captain of the school and B. N. Swire. OS, is captain of the Oppidens.

Lent Term began yesterday and ends on March 20, the half-term exeat being from February 13 to 17. Michael Greaves is head of school. The choral society will perform Handel's Messiak on Friday, March 6.

M. Dorehill, Mr Henry Jenney, Mr Martin Doan, Mrs Ritowalter Wright, Miles Jose Lascelles, Mrs R. T. Stay-forth, Commander and Mrs Kenneth Kembels, Mrs C. M. Andreae, Mr and Mrs George Darwin, Mr and Mrs George Darwin, Mr and Mrs Charles Huxley, Mr John Turbett, Mrs Anstry Wild, Mrs J. D. Greenwell, Mr and Mrs Philip German-Ribon, Miss Dorsen O'Eries, Leutemant-Colonel Desmon Browney, Miss Shells Kert, Mr Roger Crayler, Mr C. R. Morgan, Mr Peter Drummond, Mr V. C. Buckley, Mrs P. E. Macewen, Mrs C. Barrison, Mr and Mrs L. Nesser-Smith, Mrs Griffith Kewley and Mr John Kirmont,

Memorial service

Professor J. D. B. Mitchell

Eton College

Wrekin College

St Elphin's School,

Matlock

Major C. Fletcher-Wood, RA. and Miss V. M. Hugill
The engagement is announced betwen Clive, only son of the late Major, H. Fletcher-Wood and Mrs S. P. Sly, and Victoria Mary, second doughter of Mr and Mrs Antory Hugill.

Mr A. H. M. Marcus and Miss C. A. Oxley The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of the late Mr and Mrs E. V. Marcus, and Candice, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. Oxley, of Farewells, Hawkley, Liss. Hants.

and wass J. A. Marker
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, son of Mr and
Mrs R. Turner, of Bramhope.
Leeds, West Yorkshire, and
Janice, daughter of Mr and Mrs
A. Minker, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Luncheons

HM Government I'm Government
The Hon Nicholas Ridley,
Minister of State for Foreign and
Comonwealth Affairs, was host at
a luncheon held at 1 Carlton
Gardens yesterday in honour of
the High Commissioner for the Mr J. G. L. Nichols has taken over his house. Long leave will be from February 20 to 23 and there will be services of confirmation in college chapel conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham on March 14 and 15. School closes on March 25.

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary Sir James Crane, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, presided at the annual reunion luncheon of HM Inspectorate of Constabulary held at New Scotland Yard yesterday. The principal guest was Mr William Whitelaw, Secretary of State for the Home Department. Also present were: partment. Also present were :
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John Hill. Sir Kenneth. Newman.
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Galbraith. Mr. R. Harvey. Miss.
M. Hill. Mr. P. B. Kasmangh. Mr.
T. Wantiel. Mr. G. J. Page. Mr.
F. Pearce. Mr. S. E. Peck. Miss.
Sigsworth and Mr. M. W. J. Silrat.

Dinner

Spring Term begins today. Half term is from February 13-18. Scholarship examinations take place on March 2 and 3, and there will be two services of confirmation by the Bishop of Warrington on March 15 and by the Bishop of Derby on March 22, Term ends on March 26, Lady Mayoress The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and the High Officers of the Corporation of London, with their ladies, at dinner at the Mansion House last night.

Memorial requiem Mass

Mrs A. Nerr
Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Miss
Jane Egerton-Warburton at a
memorial requiem Mass for Mrs
Andrew Kerr concelebrated by
Father Joseph Christie, SJ, and
Father Ronald Creighton-Jobe at
Expression Oracons reserving. The Brompton Oratory yesterday. The Marquess of Lothian and Lord John Kerr (sons) read the lessous. Marquess or Lottian and Lott John Kerr (sons) read the lessons. Among others present were:

The Marcheoness of Lottian and Lady John iscor 'daughter Lottian and Lady John iscor 'daughter Lottian and Lady John iscor 'daughter Lottian and Lady File Korr, of Donald and Lady Crell Cameron, the Courtees of Euston, Lady Elezbeth Kerr and Mr Charles von Westenholz termoditidiren: Lady Louise and Lady Emily Firzhey and Cathorine and Donald Andrew Cameron 19vas, grandchildren: Mrs Philip herr (absertinate) in William Korr, Group Capatinand Mrs Cuy Devas, Mr and Mrs William Korn, Group Capatinand Mrs Cuy Devas, Mr and Mrs William Chanting, Miss A Churchles William Chanting, Miss A Churchles William Chanting, Miss A Churchles Miss Resembly Kert.

The Counters of Major-General Lord Wiscounters Tamorth, Lady Rechel Peops, Lady Ann Taressenko, Lord Vernon, Lady Elten, Lady Killearn, the Hon Mrs Douglas Woodrulf. Sir Richard Cave, Lieutenau-Colmet Sir John Miller, Brigadior Sir Geoffroy and Lady Hardy Foberts, Sr Philip and the Hon Lady de Zulurin, Mr Gerald and Lady Mrs and Mrs Henry Nevile, Mrs R. Neume, Miss Sandra Sutter, Mr Mr J. Hussey, Mr and Mrs Henry Meyle, Mrs Royman St. John-Stevas, Mp, Major-Goneral and Mrs Philip Tower, Mrs Edward Pryer, Mrs Hardy Meyner, Mrs Econous Britalier John Designary Mrs Hogo Meynell, Captain Huge Mey-nell, Mr and the Hon Mrs George Scymour, Brigadler John Drummond, Camto Alovandor o Sahu Phalle and Mmo M. A. de La Torre, Baron and Baronne R. d'Ussel, Comiesse de Tremereur. Mr and Mrs. J. Coolidge, Mr Cuth-bert Filzierbert, Mr and Mrs Mark Borman, Mrs Marin Drury, Mr Peter D. Canadine, Mrs Charles Nevile, Miss

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, Jan. 13, 1956

Scarcity of miners From Our Labour Correspondent Manpower was the first problem facing the coal industry. Sir Hubert Houldsworth, chairman of the National. Coal Board, said yesterday in a review of last

year's operations. The north-eastern, west Midlands and parts of the south-western divisions were the principal areas of short-age, he said. There were vacancies for about 13,000 men, and even if these were filled the demand for manpower would continue in the expanding areas. The three divisions mentioned are those in which there was a serious loss of manpower last

Law Report January 13 1981

Queen's Bench Division Taxis cannot charge booking fee

Bassam v Green

Before Lord Justice Donaldson and Mr Justice Forbes

Where a taxl driver, in order to cover his costs in using a taxl service organization, demands a payment in addition to the authorized fare, such payment is part of the fare and accordingly his demand is for a payment in excess of the authorized fare.

The Divisional Court so held in

of 40 pence. The order was passed by radio to Mr Bassam, who duly answered the call in his lucated backney carriage and conveyed Mr Melford Stevenson to his home in Clapham, where he requested payment. On being asked why he had entered an additional 40 pence by way of extrasional 40 pence by way of extrasional 40 pence by way of extrasional 40 pence. The order was passed by radio to Mr Bassam.

The Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by Geoffrey Roy Bassam, taxi driver, of Chigwell, Essex, against his conviction by Mr A. W. Clark, a metroby Mr A. W. Clark, a netro-politan stipendiary magistrate, for offences of demanding and taking more than the proper fare con-trary to the London Hackney Carriage Act. 1853, and other statutory provisions.

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, and Mr Basil Hillman for Mr Bassam, Mr Domald Farquharson, QC, and Miss Jame Gill for the prosecution. Miss Jane Gill for the prosecution. LORD JUSTICE DONALDSON said that London had had the advantage of licensed hackney carriages or cabs since 1831. One of their features was that they were allowed to ply for hire, but that their fares were strictly controlled. Recently that service had been extended by the equipping of cabs with radios, and the setting up of organizations with which the public could communicate by telephone in order to arrange a journey.

journey.

The present appeal raised the question of whether, where a cab was summoned by radio service, the driver could demand an additional sum to cover his expenses in becoming a subscriber to the service. The magistrate had held that Mr Bassam could not do so and convicted him of "demanding" 40 pence and "taking" it contrary to section 17 of the London Hackney Carriage Act, 1853, which provided that it was an offence for a driver to demand or take more than the proper fare, as set out in the authorized fare structure.

A Mr John Melford Stevenson asked the porter of the Garrick, Club to call a taxi. The porter telephoned a taxi service organization and ordered a taxi and was told by the telephonist that there would be a hooking fee

later complained to the police.

Mr Scrivener submitted that the cost of booking a fare was not part of the "fare" and that therefore section 17 did not prohibit its demand. That was wrong. Section 17 was not confined to moneys paid in respect of fares. A driver fook more than the proper fare not only if he asked for and received an excessive fare, but also if he asked for some supplemental payment which was not a fare.

Mr Scrivener also submitted that the booking fee was not a payment made in respect of the hiring of the cab under section 6 of the London Cab and Stage Carriage Act, 1907, which provided that "fare" included any payment in respect of the hire of a cab. He said that there was an agreement with the radio service made prior to the hiring, and that the fee was a payment for the service of finding a cab.

3-month limit on power of arrest

To assist in easing the burdens of the police who are holding thousands of orders containing a power of arrest under the Domestic Volence and Marrimonial Proceedings Act, 1976, the President of the Family Division has issued a Practice Note reminding judges that Practice Note (1978] 1 WLR 1123) recommended that consideration should be given to imposing a time limit of three months on injunctions excluding a party from a matrimonial home or a specified area.

Experience has shown that the

Experience has shown that the police are rarely called upon to take action upon an injunction which is more than three months oid, and the requirement that the

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Adjourned 15: tomer provided it was not avail-able for public hiring at the time. That was wrong. A London taxi remained a taxi even when taking the driver's family to the seaside or going home after a day's work. No offence was committed if it did not pick up a passenger, but it remained a taxi, otherwise a taxi driver coming in response to a radio call could claim to be operat-ing as a minj cab driver. ing as a mini cab driver.

radio service. It was an agreement with the driver through the agency of the service. As a matter of common sense the 40 pence was paid in respect of the hire. It was part and parcel of the hiring of the cab. So on that ground, too, section 17 applied and an offence was committed.

It was also submitted that a

licensed backney carriage was per-mitted to pick up a private cus-tomer provided it was not avail-

ing as a mini cab driver.

Mr Bassam was rightly convicted, but it did not follow that the acceptance of a tip constituted an ofence under section 17. The demand of a tip could constitute as offence, but no offence was committed if the tip was freely offered by the customer. That was not a payment in respect of the hiring, even if the customer was afraid he would incur the drivery displeasure if he did not tip. The custom of tipping could survive the present case.

Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

the present case.

That was not so. The time of the agreement had no bearing on the matter, and the payment was made to the driver and not to the the present case.

Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: A. J. Adams & Adams, Hemel Hempstead; Solicitor tor Metropolitan Police.

police should retain indefinitely the orders which contain a power of arrest imposes an unnecessary burden on them.

Judges should consider at the time a power of arrest is attached to an injunction for what period of time the sauction of arrest is of time the sanction of arrest is likely to be required. Unless a judge is satisfied that a longer period is necessary in a particular case the period should not exceed three months. In the few cases where danger to the applicant is still reasonably apprehended towards the expiry of the three months, application may be made to the court to extend the duration of the injunction.

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Mr D. G. Coleridge and Miss N. J. White Mr P. B. Davies and Miss C. H. A. Hall The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr and Mrs A. D. Coleridge, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Naomi, second daughter of Dr and Mrs H. V. White, of Maidstone,

and Miss C. H. A. Hall
The engagement is announced hetween Peter Brian, son of Mr and Mrs. Michael Davies, of Barnfield Cottage Waldron, Heathfield, Sussex, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr David Hall, of \$1 Rivermead Court. Hurlingham, and Mrs. Julian Wellesley, of Tidebrook Manor, Wadhurst, Sussex.

Mr M. O. F. Hill and Miss P. M. G. Duckham
The engagement is announced between Matthew, youngest son of the late Mr Francis Hill and of Mrs Hill, of Pwil Farm, Newport, Dyfed, and Penelope, elder daughter of the late Mr Michael Duckham and of Mrs Duckham, of Barcombe Place, Barcombe, Sussex. the engagement is announced between Gordon, son of the late Dr W. E. Hay and of Mrs E. Hay, of Jesmond, Newcastle, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S; H. D. Elias, of Singapore.

The engagement is announced between Andrew Benjamin, vounger son of Mrs Todd and the late Mr W. G. Todd, of Wimbledon, and Renée Stéfanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Jeronimus, of East Horsley, Surrey. Mr D. E. L. Pearson and Miss J. M. Edlin the engagement is announced between Derek, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. Pearson, of Mitcham, Surrey, and Joanna Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. A. Edlin, of Surroy, Surrey.

Mr D. E. Widley and Mrs T. M. McDowall and Miss W. E. Barks-rove The engagement is announced between William, only son of Dr aud Mrs P. A. Tyser, of the Manor House, Lodsworth, Sussex, and Wendy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. Balck-Foote, of Pinewood, Stockcross, Berkshire. The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr and Mrs A. B. Widley, and Theresa Marian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. J. Carroll, of Stoke, Plymouth.

Westminster School

tead, Surrey.

Wesiminster School
Lent Term at Westminster School
began yesterday. There are 662
members of the school, 549 in the
Great School and 113 in the Under
School. T. N. L. Custance
(Dryden'a) is captain of the
school and P. G. Vatistas is
praefectus. The Tizard Lecture on
Tuesday, February 24, at 5.45 pm
will be given by Professor Sir
Hans Kornberg. The school concert is at St Margaret's, Westminster, on Monday, March 16.
and the Great School term ends
on Saturday, March 21.

St John's School, Leatherhead

Leafnernead

Lent Term begins today with 442
boys in the school. The school
captain is A. L., D. Freeman, and
the deputy school captain is P. A.
Templeman. The competition for
the Brutoveis Trophies will be on
Saturday, February 14. The confirmation service will be conducted
by the Bishop of Dorking on
Saturday, February 28, at 2.30 pm
and the term will end on Thursday, March 26.

Harrogate College

Oueenswood School

and Miss R. Chapman
The engagement is announced between Mark Rarsant, son of Mr and Mrs R. W. R. Years, of Walkon-on-the-Hill, Surrey, and Bryony, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Chapman, of Ash-

Spring Term begins today with Sarah Streete as head girl and Rosemary Icke at school Captain. Half Term will be from Thursday, February 19, until Monday, February 23. There will be a choral concert on Sunday, March 15, and term ends on Wednesday, March 25. Kent College,

Canterbury

Term starts today and ends on Friday, April 3. There are 395 boys and 151 girls in the school. David Eades continues as head prefect and as captain of hockey. The entrance examination for boarding and day pupils takes place on Wednesday, February 11. The Frank Mason Hockey Tomnament will take place at the school on Thursday, March 19, and the East Kem 6th Form Conference on Monday, March 23.

Richmond School and Tutorial College

Lent Term begins today. Richard Bates is captain of school and Linky Weir head girl, Founder's Harrogate College reopened today for the Spring Term. Louise Benson is head of school. Term begins is captain Linley Weir head ends on Wednesday, April 1, and half-term is from February 19-24. Day is on January 26 and term

revealed

OBITUARY

Mr Finn Olay Gundelach, one of the five Vice-Presidents of

the European Commission, died

suddenly yesterday in Stras-bourg where he had been attending a session of the Euro-

pean Parliament. He was 55. Before joining the commis-sion in 1973, Gundelach had had

a distinguished career in the Danish diplomatic service which culminated in his appointment as his country's ambassador to the EEC in 1967. In this capation in the left in the capation in th

city he played a key rôle in negotiating the terms of Den-

mark's entry to the community on January 1, 1973.

He was a natural choice to become Denmark's first Euro-pean Commissioner. Bis first

job was the management of the EEC's internal market presid-

ing over the dismantling of residual barriers to trade, an

important but somewhat abstruse field in which be

earned a reputation for competence, but was less in the imelight than some other com-

missioners with more glamorous

portfolios.
In 1976 Gundelach was thrust

into prominence by the illness

of Sir Christopher (now Lord)
Soames, the Commissioner in
charge of External Relations.
From him he took over responsibility for fisheries policy and
became involved in delicate and

at times controversial negotia-

tions with Iceland.
In the new European Commission which came into office in

January 1977 under the presi-

dency of Mr Roy Jenkins, Gundelach was promoted to Vice-President and given charge

of the EEC's Common Agricul-tural Policy, in many ways the most important job in the Com-

mission. He also retained responsibility for fisheries. He quickly established himself as one of the major figures on the European scene, widely respected for his technical

virtuosity and mastery of a notoriously complex brief. He drove himself releatlessly, and

did not spare his subordinates

who sometimes found him a

difficult master.
As Agriculture Commissioner,

Gundelach sought to maintain

farmers than many of his pre-decessors. During the last year of his life there were signs

that he was beginning to have some success in persuading member states of the need to

unqualified price support.

of 75, was killed in a motor accident on Christmas Day was

one of a handful of polar ex-

plorers to have been awarded the Polar Medal with both Arctic and Antarctic clasps.

Shortly after graduating from Pembroke College, Cambridge, he joined the British Arctic Air Route Expedition of 1931-32. The following year he went back to Greenland with the same leader Gino Watkins.

the claimed that he joined this expedition because he like housekeeping, and indeed the way he administered the stores

contributed to the success of

being of its members, but he

was also an experienced sailor

and dos-driver. He regaled his companions with a fund of stories and an inexhaustible

M.R.D.F. writes:

Fleming writes:

MR FINN GUNDELACH

Work for agriculture in the EEC

Always a staunch defender of the basic principle of the Common Agricultural Policy, Gundelach none the less consistently argued that farmers could not realistically expect the EEC to continue paying guaranteed prices for an unlimited quantity of production without regard to the capacity of the market to absorb it.

Appointed to serve another

Appointed to serve another four-year term as Agriculture

Commissioner under the Presi-dency of Mr Gaston Thorn, who replaced Mr Roy Jenkins earlier this month, Gundelach

would undoubtedly have played

a leading role with the new President, and Mr Christopher

Tugendhat, the budget commis-sioner, in the preparation of

the proposals for reform of the EEC's finances which the Com-mission has been asked by mem-

ber states to produce by June.
Born on April 25, 1925, in
Vejle, Finn Olay Gundelach
was educated at the University

of Aarhus where he took a degree in economics and be-

negree in economics and became vice president of the National Umon of Students. Upon graduation he went straight into the Foreign Ministry and within five years had been appointed Denmark's permanent representative at the

manent representative at the United Nations in Geneva, a

post he held for five years. In 1959 he left the foreign

service to become a senior offi-

for operating the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and was closely involved in the Kennedy Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

turous commando-type or intelli-

Russian-Finnish war and the

Norwegian campaign, at the Salerno landings and subsequently in Ceylon, France and Germany.

Riley was the youngest son of that eminent Anglo-Catholic-layman Athelstan Riley. For fif-

some years on the Essex County Council and the Braintree Rural

District Council. He was chair-man of a home for maladjusted

boys and governor of several schools. He will be remembered

with affection by his many polar, naval and Essex friends.

as a tremendous character opinionated on most subjects

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MR QUINTIN RILEY

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capacity for argument which reman of faith, courage and dediversed many assumed prejucated loyalty.

By David Nicholson-Lord

By Hugh Clayton The British Government yesterday The British Government yesterday rebuffed au attempt by the European Commission to abolish rules that prevent cur-price milk being imported from France.

A letter signed by Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Pood, was sent to the Commission in Brussels. It was a belisted reply to a challenge issued in Brussels in mid-November

per The commission asked the

Secret 1945 plans for germ bombs

By David Nicholson-Lord
The use of ceadiy anthrax bombs on German cinies figured in Aliied military thinking at the end of the Second World War, according to secret Cabiner documents released yesterday.

The documents, relating to a report on the potential of biological warfare during the next 10 years and written in November, 1945, show that a plant had been brilt in America capable within eight months of producing enough "cluster" bombs containing anthrax spores for saturation bombing of six German cities. Simultaneous attacks on the six cities, it says, would result in half the inhabitants being killed by inhalation and many more through subsequent communication of the skin. The weapon capable of that was in initial stages of production and was "designed for strategic bombing as a reprisal".

The documents, from the Public Record Office, were released by the National Society for Crime Reduction and Society for

EEC moves on . cut-price milk rebuffed

British Government to show why it should not be taken to the European Court of Justice for operating trade barriers against milk.

mik,
The rules call for milk enering
Britain to be hear-treated and
packed at approved premises in
this country. Mr Walker has told
the Commission that the rule is a
legitimate health precautions consistent with the Treaty of Rome.

tells is controlled parasitism rather than a case of mutual advantage. The fungus apparently

penetrates and kills a high proportion of the algal cells in the

tion of the aigal cells in the lichen and seems to be behaving as a parasite. Dr Ahmaditan and Dr Jacobs think the balance may be maintained by proliferation of the algal cells. Further studies of natural and synthetic lichens should should provide more insights into the nature of the relationship.

Source: Nature, January 15 (vol 289, 169), 1981.

Nature-Times News Service,

discess of Ely, to be Vicar of Mathwold, discess of Norwich. The Rev 'D. E. Tansill. Vicar of Billingshurst and Rural Dean of Horsham, discess of Chichester, to be also Canon and Probendary of Chiches-ler Cathedral.

Science report

Botany: Parasitism in lichens tella, or British soldiers. They separated the algal and fungal partners, then put them together again and studied the redevelopment of the relationship. They also cultured the fungal partner with various sleep obtained from fungal branches penetrated the fungal branches penetrated the alga too thoroughly for the latter to survive. Those results suggest to the two biologists that the relationship which develops depends on the ability of the alga to resist being parasitized. They conclude that the natural relationship in Cladonia cristanella is controlled parasitism.

with various algae obtained from other lichens, to see whether they

would form partnerships not usually found in nature, synthetic lichens as they termed them.

By the Staff of Nature

Lichens, which encrust tree trunks, buildings, rocks and many other exposed surfaces, may seem strange members of the plant world, and botamists have long been curious to understand their true nature. Much of their curiosity has been directed at the rela-tionship between the alga and the fungus which live together to form

Professor J. D. B. Mitchell
A memorial service for Professor
John D. B. Mitchell was held
yesterday at the Kirk of Greyfriara, Edinburgh. The Rev Ewen
Maclean, the Rev Fergus A.
Smith, the Rev Dr R. Stuart
Louden, who read the lesson, the
Very Rev Professor John
McIntyre, of Edinburgh University, who gave an address, and
the Right Rev Dr W. B.
Johnston, Moderator of the
General Assembly of the Church
of Scotland, who pronounced the
blessing, took part in the service.
Among others present were:
Mrs. Mitchell twickey), Misc R. M.
Mitchell and Mrs E. A. Walsh
idaughters), Major and Mrs G. S.
Nickerson, Mr H. Nicherson, Mrs C.
F. Rouse,
Dr. John Burnett (Principe) and
Vice-Chancallor of Edinburgh University!: Lord Mackay of Cleshferd, Lord
and Lady Cameron, Lord Mackenzic
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Ledy Swann, Lord Mursay, Lord
Dungark, Lord Bewart, Sir James and Although generally considered to be to the mutual advantage of both partners, the relationship may not be quite as it seems. Now two biologists in Worcester, Massachusetts, studying the development of lichens in the laboratory, have concluded that, at least for one species, the fungus is a parasite, the attack of which the alga is able to control.

Dr V. Abmaddian of Clark Upi-

aiga is able to control.

Dr V. Abmadjian, of Clark University, and Dr J. B. Jacobs, of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, started with the lichen known as Cladonia crista-Leaders content

with draws in

Hastings chess

the fourteenth round.

From Chess Correspondent

There was much more fight in

the interesting encounter between Sunye and Paul Littlewood, The English master attacked strongly, but his position somewhat deterior-

ated during a time scramble and on adjournment the game looked a likely draw.

The scores at the end of round 14 were

lichens as they termed them.

They found that the fungus formed a lichen partnership with four species of alga as well as with its natural partner, Trebousia crici, entwining the algal cells and penetrating them with its specialized branches. The four species that were compatible in synthetic partnerships were all closely related to Trebousia erici.

On the other hand, the same fungus parasitized and killed various algae more distantly related to Trebousia erici. In those cases the first contact and the entwining of alga by fungus seemed to proceed as though the two were compatible. But then the

Church news

Bishop of Worcester to retire The Bishop of Worcester, the Right Rev Robert Woods, announced yesterday that he will retire in October.

Once again the leaders in the ICL Grandmaster Tournament in Hastings were content to coast along yesterday with early draws, so that the position at the top remained unchanged at the end of the fourteenth position. Latest appointments include: The game between the two

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Salisbury, to be Vicar of Winslay and
combining as Bural Dean of Bradfordbn-Avon, same diocese.
The Rev J. B. Rowsell, Vicar of
Hastingfield and Rector of Harton, leaders. Andersson and Torre, ended in a draw in 14 moves and shortly afterwards Alburt and Lein likewise agreed a draw in 24

University news

Oxford

The members of the governing body of St John's College have declared their intention to elect Sir John Kendrew, FRS, as president of the college on the retirement of Sir Richard Southern, on September 30.

Mr Bryan R. Ward-Perkins, MA, tutor at Exeter University, has been elected to a tutorial fellowship in modern history at Trinity College.

Wales Wales
Honorary degrees will be awarded
to the following:
MA: Mr. R. W. J. Evens, Mr W. A. J.
Evans, Mr R. G. Owen.
MSc: Mr R. A. Yales.
LLB: Dr S. R. Recs. Mr R. M. Sales.
Didn: Dr C. D. Owen. Mr J. E. C.
Piper, Ch.
Didn: Ch. C. Brown. Sir David
Absc: Professor H. C. Brown. Sir David
Rhodes
Davies. Professor F. H. T.
Rhodes
Davies. Barrows. Birmingham

also Rural Dean of Tewkesbury almediocres.

The Rev J. W. M. Vyse, Vicar of Arisham and Rural Dean of Ingworth, diocrese of Norwich, to be also Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral.

The Rev A. Wakefield, Team Vicar of St. Francis. Cillion. Notitingham, diocrese of Southwell to be Vicar of St. John the Baytis, Bilhorough, Nortingham, same diocrese.

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ryan, Mr K. Peeg, Mr J. Piric.
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£1,000 Premium Bond winners

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tremendous character.

GEN SIR RODERICK McLEOD in it It provided the steel core Might a few more personal words be added to your accurate but rather chill account of General McLeod? Behind his trim figure and forbidding manner he kept a keen sense of humour, a sharp brain, and a very warm heart as well as tremendous character.

The Special Air Service brigade he commanded in 194445 was another international brigade, quite as anti-fascist as the ones that fought in the Spanish civil war, but this time devoid of communist influence. Austrians, Belgians, British, French, Germans, Irish, a Pole, French, Germans, Irish, a Pole, as well as the admiration of Spaniards and Yugoslavs fought everyone who worked for him.

offered, and Belgian reassy ance, wherever opportunity offered, after D-day.

In the planning stage McLeod dealt fairly and firmly with some brilliant amateurs from the desert who thought they understood irregular war better than he did; and he gave the whole brigade quiet confidence that, danserous though the

SIR JULES THORN

Lord Roskill writes: Your obituary of Sir Jules

Thorn made no mention of his close connexion with the Middle Temple and of his great generally to that inn. May I as the present trea-May 1 as the present treasurer add some words on that score? It was he who some 15 years ago gave the new lighting for bur famous hall and thus vastly enhanced its beauty as those of us who use that hall and the property of the present and the present an as those of us who use that hall regularly know. He became an honorary Bencher of the Inn in 1969. Thereupon he became a most regular and welcome guest at our dinners and Sunday lunches. His charm and his modesty endeared him to everyone whom he met.

Then suddenly just over a year ago he became our third great benefactor in this century, following in this respect

MR E. A. DUNLOP

Mr Edward Arunah Dunlop, OBE, GM, CC, president of the Toronto Sun Publishing Corporation and a director of the United Press of Canada, died on January 6. He was 61. His death came only two mouths after he had been admitted to the Order of Canada for services to the country. He was active on many committed to the Order of Canada for services to the country. He was active on many committees concerned with the disabled and also served of the Federal Board of Braod Cast Governors from 1958 the George Medal for a brave attempt to protect other soldiers from a grenade explosion which claimed his sight.

the first Lord Rothermere and Sir John Astbury. He gave us a magnificent sum for scholar. a magnificent sum for scholarships for the young. The gift
was made without restriction.
He believed in the law. He
knew that law was the foundation of society and he was
determined to see so far as layin his power that resources
should not be lacking for student members of the int to ent members of the inn to. become practising members of the Bar.

Thus he has left with us these two great memorials and his generosity will remain a byword for years to come, even among those who never had the privilege of his friendship. To Lady Thorn and his daughter we offer our deep sympathy together with our gratitude for all that he meant to us in the Middle Temple.

BUSINESS NEWS

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inn Olay Gundated at the United Stock Market suggestions that one stock jobber was to options market and that another planned to reduce its involvement were categorically denied last night by Mr David Steen, a member of the Stock Exchange Council. The jobbers mentioned were Bisgood Bishop and Wedd Durlacher Mordaum. It was believed that the stock jobbers had reached their decisions after a Traded Options Committee meeting

yesterday morning. There have been mounting some time because volume has and in been disappointingly small since look its inception three years ago. In the past six months volume has never exceeded 2,916 con-To tracts.

Mr Steen said: "No jobber has decided to pull out." But he admitted that jobbers had been losing money on options end unless turnover improved over the next six months some might reduce their commite ments.

Commerzbank fails to pay dividend

Commerzbank AG, West Germany's third largest private sector bank, has confirmed that it will not be paying a dividend for 1980 because of inadequate earnings on its lending

> The lesson, page 15 Financial Editor, page 17 Business Diary, page 17

Port of London Aid

The Port of London is seeking more financial belo from the Government and faces another inquiry before any decision is made. Mr Norman Fowners of the control of the contro ler, Secretary of State for Transport, told Parliament yes-

Midland Bank move



Mr Malcolm Wilcox, who is to retire as one of the joint chief general managers of Midland Bank as part of extensive senior management changes announced yesterday. Mr Stuart Graham is taking on overall responsibility for the bank's operations with the title of chief executive. Business Diary, page 17

Business Appointments, page 19 £127,000 salary

An unnamed director of Management Agency and Music, the Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck group, earned more than £127.000 last year-more than double his previous year's £48,815, according to the annual report.

Wall Street lower

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 3.67 points down at 965.10. The \$-SDR was 1.26579. The £ was 0.530352.

BP lifts estimate of reserves in Forties field by 200m barrels

Energy Correspondent

British Petroleum has increased its estimates of the reserves recoverable from the giant Forties North Sea oil field by 200 million barrels to 2,000 million barrels. The addition to the reserves

is equivalent to the discovery of a new medium-sized field, and at today's prices would produce total gross revenue of \$7,850m. In comparison with total North Sea reserves discovered so far of more than 16,000 million barrels, the reappraisel of Forties is small, but it tends to confirm the impression that oil companies are overly conserva-

The Argyll field, one of the smallest to be developed in the North Sea, has consistently had its reserves upgraded. Its original estimated production was 18 million barrels, but it has already had an output of. 35 million barrels.

Other fields have been downgraded however, and in its review of the development of oil and gas resources in 1980, the Department of Energy slightly reduced its estimates of the eventual recoverable reserved depits a symbol of reserved depits of the symbol of the second of the symbol of the second of the symbol of the second of the symbol of the symbo serves despite a number of new discoveries during the year.

For BP which has spent 11,000s developing Forties, the extra 200 million barrels of recoverable reserves is of con-niderable importance. Most fields of 50 million barrels and less are now bring thought of as being potentially commercial, and a 200 million barrel find is probably a good average size for utura discoveries.

BP's Buchan field, which is being developed with the converted Drillmaster rig, has estimated reserves of only 50 million barrels and the Tartan field, which started produc-tion at 10,000 barrels a day last week, is estimated to have only the same total reserves as this

Tartan was developed with a fixed produc-tion platform, the extra reserves in Forties may be tapped through undersea wells drilled by semisubmersibles and linked into the linked into the present four production platforms. Alter-natively it may be exploited by

partiely it may be exploited by BP's new converted tanker, known as "Swops", the Single Well Operating System, which can both drill and produce.
Ways of tapping the new reserves are still being considered by the production team. Most recent discoveries in the North Sea have been near to known reserves, but not always as extensions of fields. Many have proved to be separate accumulations.

ate accumulations.

The British National Oil Corporation has confirmed a discovery which might have recoverable reserves of around 100 million barrels close to the Thistle field, and Hamilton Brothers this week announced a promising discovery close to the Argyll field.

Infill finds of this kind are common in a mature explora-

common in a mature explora-tion area such as the North Sea, and explain the intense interest shown in the blocks offered by the Department of Energy for licensing in the seventh round in an area where most finds have been made. The companies awarded these blocks agreed to pay an initial f5m for the right to explore, the first time such "key money" has been required. has been required.

The rate of discovery in the North Sea still remains high, with one find being made for every nine wells sunk in the final quarter of 1980. But, according to oil consultants Gaffney, Cline and Associates, exploration drilling has not picked up as fast as expected. The new reserves in the Forties field will increase its life and add to government revenues. BP has 96 per cent of the field with Shell and Esso sharing the remaining 4 per cent equally.

the rest of the board. Flanked at a special press conference yesterday by his conterence yesterday by his two latest board appointments, Professor Roland Smith, and Mr Ernest Sharp, a former joint managing director of Grand Metropolitan, Sir Hugh soid: "I was epressing a personal opinion. But the situation is impossible. Very would

'Inadequate' rescue

Washington, Jan 13 .- Mr Wil- the company and members of

liam Miller the United States the Loan Guarantee Board he

Treasury Secretary said yester- said he thought that the board's

day that Chrysler's plan to gain members had reacted positively

a further \$400m (£167m) in to the profit-sharing part of the

single issue, but we are going in government-backed loans

60,000

plan for Chrysler

Federal loan guarantees was in- plan.

adequate and a new one necded

to be presented by this after-

The (Chrysler Loan Guaran-

tee) Board does not feel that

the plan presented by Chrysler

is adequate", he said after

meeting company and United

Auto Workers Union officials.

It needs to be fine tuned ".

Earlier Mr Douglas Fraser,

the president of the Union said

that any union concessions -

made to keep Chrysler afloat

would probably depend on a

"I do not want to take the

attitude that we would bring

down the corporation on a

profit-sharing agreement.

important to the

member-union.

Sir Hugh Fraser said yester-day that public battles between his House of Fraser and its main shareholder Lonrho have cost the stores group about £1m

The fight at last summer's annual meeting and the special shareholders meeting on lanuary 20, has cost Fraser 2750,000 and lost interest on the D. H. Evans £29m sale and leaseback deal, which has been challenged by Lonrho, cost £250,000.

But it is unlikely that the Fraser board will be meeting Mr "Tiny" Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho; head on. Although Sir Hugh had been reported as saying he wanted Mr Rowland and fellow Lourho representative Lord Duncan-Sandys voted off the board next

was quite happy with Lonrho on the board. "Life would be very unexciting without them."
Mr Sharp said: "I have sympathy with Sir Hugh's comments, but I am not sure we should go that far."

He added; "When I was in-

"It seemed conceptually sc-

ceptable to them, but I do not

think they view it as their role

to urge this upon the Chrysler

Corporation", he said. He still expected the board to decide on

To receive the new guarantees, Chrysler must convince the loan board that it can sur-

vive, but time is running out for the company which has been on the brink of bank-

This week, officials, union

leaders, corporate executives and bankers are meeting in Washington to try to work out a plan to keep Chrysler afloat.

The company has already drawn \$800m of the £1,500m

the loan guarantees today.

rupticy for over a year,

day that he was expressing a had no intention of joining very personal opinion and that the Lourho camp or the House he had not discussed it with of Fraser camp. I was not able of Fraser camp. I was not able to maintain that stance any longer when I saw the degree of harassment and the diversion of management time in a wholly unproductive way. To be anything else would be a total dereliction of duty.

Fraser-Lonrho public fights cost £1m

"We have a rote on everything. If you said it was Tues-day we would have to have a vote on it. I have voted more tion is impossible. You would times at Fraser board meetings than at the board meetings I not believe what was happenhave attended in the past 20 years put together", Mr Sharp But Professor Smith said he

He defended the group's decision to sell and leaseback D. H. Evans in a property deal designed to give the group a total of 540m. Fraser did not need the money, but was look-He added: "When I was invited to join House of Fraser I group's 112 stores starting with

answer is simple. You do nothing. The store is superb as it is ", he said.

Both sides are claiming considerable support from the special meeting in Glasgow. Lourho says it has the backing 3,500 shareholders, but does not know how many votes that represents.

Sir Hugh said the board has "more than slightly more than that" but declined to disclose how many votes were with him. I do not see any way we would lose, but if we did, we would have to take stock

Asked if they thought Mr Rowland would make a take-over bid, Professor Smith said: "He missed his best oppor-tunity last year." Mr Sharp added: "They have not got the fire power to do it."

Manchester to lose 700 more jobs

The hard pressed northwest, where more than 100,000 jobs were lost last year is bearing the brunt of yet another slimming down operation, by two of its employers.

Schreiber, the furniture-makers, is to close its factory at Trafford Park, Manchester, with the loss of 400 jobs, and the Port of Manchester is to cut 300 jobs.

Schreiber's bedroom furalture plant was bought from Great Universal Stores in 1971 and is one of the company's six manufacturing centres. Pro-duction will be transferred to the other five factories throughout the country as the Man-chester plant is phased out by the end of March.

The factory employs 475 people and between 60 and 80 of them are being offered jobs at another Schreiber factory at Runcorn in Cheshire. The remainder, both management and administrative staff and shopfloor workers, will be made redundant. redundant.

to be pretty insistent about authorized by Congress just profit sharing, he said and over a year ago, and has asked stressed that this was very workers to forgo \$653m in important to the 60,000 wages and benefits over the Mr Dennis Thomas, Schreiber's managing director, said yesterday: "The decision is the result of over capacity caused by the economic situation." next 21 months and suppliers nember-union.

to freeze their prices for a

After a day of meetings with year.—Reuter. The Port of Manchester is to cut its labour force by 10 per cent because of a rapid drop in

and clerical staff will take voluntary redundancy and dis-cussions with the unions will be held over the next few weeks.

the canal. In a statement yesterday Mr

Julian Taylor, the port's manag-ing director, said: "Traffic through the port, and particu-larly in the terminal docks, has declined much more rapidly than could have been foreseen Efforts continue unabated to attract new business but we cannot expect to gain enough to replace what we are losing. There is just not enough work to continue to employ all of our present workforce of 3,000." The Port of Manchester, 36 miles inland and served by the

Manchester Ship Canal, has in recent times lost much of its trade, including the Manchester Liners services to Canada, trade with Polish ports and a 40-year-old connexion with the Harrison Line. Its cargo business to India

and East Africa is being run down as it is taken over by ships that are too large to use the port and are therefore be-ing switched to the south-east

Another factor is the ending cent because of a rapid drop in of coal and ash exports from trade. About 300 dockers and the Partington section of the management, administrative ship canal.

state last month. Some of the redundancies will affect the Tranmere oil terminal at the seaward end of



By making the age qualifica-tion 60 years for holders of both sexes and increasing the maximum holding on the new index-linked certificates to tended them to be the main contributor to its programme to raise £1,500m from National Savings this fiscal year.

momentum seems to have dwin-dled and sales are now averaging just over £40m a week.

The Government is now pinning its hores on the conventional 19th issue of National Savings certificates yielding 14.7 per cent gross and on National Savings Bank investment accounts, paying 15 per cent. The maximum holdings were raised to £5,000 and E200,000 on Monday.

The reduction will also make

Flexibility of financial system urged

changing pattern financial flows seen over the past few years required an adaptable approach on the part of the authorities in their atti-tudes towards the objectives of monetary control, prindential controls for the financial system and the fiscal advantages given to certain parts of the financial system.

This was the message of Mr
"Kit" McMahon, Deputy
Governor of the Bank of
England in the Ernest Sykes Memorial Lecture, delivered to the Institute of Bankers last

Taking the large increase in the personal sector surplus, and the corresponding increase in the deficits of the public and corporate sectors as his starting point, Mr McMahon noted the ways in which the tax system might have influenced the way

particular extension to the sion." and pension receipts.

The result of the former had been that substantial funds had been absorbed in house-purchase, while the result of the latter might have been that available long term investment funds had increasingly gone to well-recognized companies.
It was "fair to observe that.

as is often the case, tax incentives originally designed for the best of motives—such as the encouragement of provision for retirement—have created or magnified distortions in the process of saving and invest-ment which are later found to require corrective measures The increased role of the banking system in channelling personal sector funds to the

with more bottowing building society, life assurance short to lend long, and pension receipts.

This made it desirable both

to move towards the reopening of the long term capital markets for companies and to ensure capital adequacy for the bank-

ing system.
The Government was already moving towards the former objective with its plan to take pressure off long term interest pressure off long term interest rates by shifting more public sector funding back into National Savings. This would necessarily lead to greater competition between the Covernment and the building societies for personal sector savings, but that in turn might help to prevent a As far as the banks' capital adequacy went, the relatively healthy performance of bank profits had in some measure

in which personal sector sur- banks and a change in the environment in which they pluses had been used. He drew banks "maturity transforms operated and helped to mirigate the impairment of their capital

But the raising of new capital, either in the equity or long term debenture market, would be a beloful development in terms both of prudential and monetary control.

Greater competition for per sonal savings could help monetary control in that it produced rather longer term savings lustruments than short term deposits. But developments, as in the United States, of the ability to switch savings and time account funds easily into current account form could complicate matters.

All these developments would have to be taken into account by the monetary authorities in defining their objectives in controlling monetary aggregates.

Massey loan talks begin Full discussions on reschedul- on the debt owed to a total of ing the \$1,000m (£420m) debt about 250 banks and other owed by Massey-Ferguson, the institutions around the world.

the troubled Canadian agricultural machinery manufac-turer, are due to start in London tomorrow. Preliminary discussions on the proposals presented by the company before Christmas began last week.

Representatives of around 50 institutions have been holding technical discussions in the Dorchester hotel to prepare for the full meeting which, it is hoped, will hammer our a plan to save the company. A sertie-ment could be reached in two or three days.

Massey-Ferguson has said that until agreement is reached Financial Editor, page 17 it will not meet any payments

Some £170m is owed to British clearing banks, with Barclays being the biggest lender. A small Australian finance house. Capel Court Corporation, said yesterday that it will not pursue legal action against Massey-Ferguson Holdings (Australia). The Australian Massey-Corporation against Massey-Courtelan Massey-Cour

Massey company went volun-tarily into receivership last month when Capel Court said it would press for repayment

of A\$3m.

But along with other creditors, Capel Court says that if agreement is not reached it is prepared to proceed with liquidating Massey. Midland Bank International has a 26 per cent stake in Capel Court.

By Margaret Stone Fuilding societies lent a re-cord 5955m to home buyers in December and promised a fur-ther \$883m to borrowers, leav-ing the societies in a strong position at the end of the year. Mr Norman Griggs, Secretary General of the Building Soci-ties Association, said yesterday that societies "should have sub-stantial mortgage funds avail-able over the next two or three

lend record

Building

societies

£965m

months". Net receipts in December at £448m were comfortably higher than the £350m originally forecast for the month, and are the second best for 1980.

Fears that the Government's second issue of index-linked National Savings certificates would cream eway funds from societies for the second successive month proved unfounded After the f150m estimated transfer from building societies: to savings certificates in Novem-ber (when the issue went on

sale), only £50m was thought to have been "lost" to the



Mr Norman Griggs: substantial mortage funds should be avail-

However, after the saics success of the initial weeks, the

The cut in building society investment rates from 10.5 per cent to 9.25 per cent (13.2 per cent gross) at the beginning of the year, has not as yet had much impact upon society re-ceipts, although it is expected to cause a modest fall in returns this month.

a difference to the amount of interest credited to investors. Last year, interest left in accounts amounted to £3.328m -not much less than total net receipts of £3,674m.

Total lending last year was £9,400m, the highest ever, but the rise in bouse prices, mainly during the early part of the year, meant that only 679,000 home loans were made compared with 715,000 in 1979.

GEC completes takeover of US electronics group

By Kenneth Owen Technology Editor

Ferranti and the General Electric Company have con-cluded separate deals with two United States electronics companies—International Signal and Control Corporation (ISC) of Lancaster, Penusylvania (and its United Kingdom subsidiary, ESI London), and Circuit Technology Incorporated (CTI) of Farmingdale, New York. The GEC deal involves the takeover of CTI.

Ferranti and ISC have signed a mutual trading agreement to develop, manufacture and market in the European Nato countries a range of specialized electronic defence systems. ISC will market selected Ferranti products in the United States.

acquisition of CTI, a specialist in hybrid thick-film micro-electronic circuits whose 1980 sales amounted to about \$15m (over £6m). The American firm's technology will be applied by Marconi Space and Defence Systems, part of GEC, and its team will work closely with Marconi Electronic

corporate sector had resulted in

increasing pressure on the

For the Marconi systems com-pany, both the technology and the expertise in volume pro-duction of CTI will be useful in the development of the next generation of military and com-mercial equipment. In both markets the prime requirements will include further miniaturizarion and high reliability. CTI employs about 400 people and its management is to remain with the company.

try of education.

£20m ships order for North-east

A British Shipbuilders yard has won an order worth more than £20m to build four cargo vessels for a Hongkong-based

shipping group. The order, secured against strong Far East competition, has been placed by Sir Yue-Kong Pao's World-Wide Shipping with the Austin and Pickersgill yard, Sunderland. State-owned British Shipbuilders is almost certain to make a loss on the contract but

it will boost morale on the eve of BS talks with the unions in

London today when further job cuts will be outlined. Mr Robert Atkinson, chairman of BS, said yesterday these orders "result from our high-level, intensive sales of the Far East in November." Then, the chairman and Mr John Parker, his deputy, led a powerful sales supplying two or team to a shipping conference Far East clients.

and exhibition in Honekone.

For the past two years World-Wide has been buying new ships, 11 of which have been delivered during the last

The order is for four of the

This latest contract brings with aid made available through the value of work from the Far East to some £90m, and "we are hopeful that further orders will be received in the not too distant future", Mr Atkinson and "we are hopeful that further orders will be received in the not too distant future", Mr Atkinson and "overseas prices" overseas prices.

Meanwhile, British Ship-builders, which announced a half-year loss of £57m in December, is pressing ahead with 12 months. The majority of plans to reduce and restructure contracts have been placed its activities. It has already with Japanese yards, and it is the first time since 1974 that the group has placed orders with a British shipyard.

Unions and management highly successful SD-14, 15,000 agreed in autumn, 1979, to a ton deadweight general cargo reduction in manpower in the loss-making merchant shipbuild-ing yards. Some 10,000 jobs vessels. Austin and Pickersgill, loss-making merchant shipbuild-which employs about 2,700, will ing yards. Some 10,000 jobs deliver the ships in the first were to go by mid-1980, half of 1982. The yard is also although part of this was to be supplying theorem. offser by an increase in naval and offshore yard workforces.

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Ethiopia tunes in to British radio system

Kent company's £1m educational broadcasting network goes on air

The first stations on a open tender was funded sub-national educational broadcast- stantially by the International Development Agency in con-junction with the World Bank. ing network have gone on the air in Ethiopia using British The radio receivers to be proequipment. vided for villages throughout the country will be purchased from other funds. The £1m contract for antennas and other supporting

equipment for the entire net-Three medium wave transwork was awarded to C & S Antennas, of Rochester, Kent, mitting stations have just gone by the educational mass media on air, and within the next year service of the Ethiopian minis-The ministry is providing a

will be joined by another eight. Rach of these stations will broadcast programmes on three frequencies using different One of the languages will be Amharic, the official one and most widely_used in Ethiopia,

and the other two frequencies will cater for local dialects. The

poor level of literacy in the

education on agriculture, not the same as at sea level, hygiene and diet. For the Rochester company, the project was a triumph. They won in open competition

against American and Japanese companies but then had to instal the equipment in difficult Destinations were sometimes remote. Shipments landed at Assab on the Red Sea were

then transported by rough road for hundreds of miles. The dry climate and high altitudes—some of the antennas are operating at about 8,000 feet -meant that the equipment was particularly prone to damage

by lightning storms. The thin

country has made the radio net- air at that altitude also meant work particularly important for that insulating properties were and adjustments had to be

> Kent company's contract in-cluded training local engineers and riggers to set up, operate and maintain the system. In each of 11 locations, three separate transmitters, ultima-tely with a power of 10 kilo-watts each, are fed to an autenna. The autennas have

The programmes on the new radio network are to be prepared by the Ethiopian ministry of education. However, the

been fitted with electronic black boxes to prevent interference between the signals. Bill Johnstone

SGB Group Limited.

Exchange curbs on way in Zambia

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia has ordered the first of a series of belt-tightening measures needed to gain essential help from the International Monetary Fund. These are bound to be unpopular, and cause nolitical unrest in could cause political unrest in

the country.

Mr Kaunda has imposed greater restrictions on foreign exchange, which already had been difficult to obtain, and raised between 30 per cent and 50 per cent the price of domes-tically grown corn to reduce farm subsidies.

Other changes are expected in the Government budget due later this month. These, aimed at reducing the budget deficit and thus reducing the need for foreign borrowing, are expected to include higher taxes and the reduction or elimination of many consumer subsidies, in-cluding outlays for imported

Pakistan debts talks

Pakistan will seek major rescheduling of \$280m (about f117m) development debts to cope with its balance of payments problems at a two-day meeting with major Western aid donors starting in Paris today, according to Islamabad sources.

Bonn-Soviet pipeline

A new round of talks between the Soviet Union and a West German consortium over a projected multi-billion mark natural gas pipeline will take. place in the next two months, probaby in the USSR, a spokesman for Ruhrgas AG, a consortium member said in Essen tium member said in Essen.

US food warning

It will be "only a few years" before United States food production will be concentrated among a handful of superfarms unless steps are taken at once to change and fine-tune Federal farm policy, says a report released in Washington by the United States Agriculture Department after exhaustive research.

Spanish Eurocredit

Formal Syndication of a 5500m Eurocredit for the Kingdom of Spain is expected to start next Monday, banking sources said in

'Too dynamic' policies led to over-exposure on long term credit

Commerzbank learns its lesson

Ierr Paul Lichtenberg, who came out of retirement this month to return as chief executive of Commerzbank, explained yesterday why West Germany's third-largest private bank would not be paying

a dividend for 1980.

The bank's problems last year stemmed from "too dynamic" policies in the late 1970s, he said. But the present lean period did not reflect inadequate efficiency.

Although it will be some months before the bank's 1980 results are published, the bank's 1980 results are published. Her Lichtenberg disclosed that earnings on commission and services had risen last year to nearly DM400m (£84m) from DM342m in 1979, while the bank's surplus from lending and borrowing had also improved to average more than DM90m (£19m) a month by the end of last year from around DM77m in the first 10 months

While the interest surplus was still small, it was sufficient with the surplus on commission to cover all current costs so that the bank was starting the in better shape than the year before. Herr Lichtenberg, who at the age of 69 was obviously enjoying his return to full time banking, said the chances for a positive trend in the bank's earnings position were not bad. He made clear the major priority for the ceming decade would be to return to a satisfactory level of profitability. This would involve ex-ploiting opportunities to boost profits

or at least the growth of costs.

Commerzbank's decision to omit its dividend for last year is unprecedented in post-war German banking history. Problems arose because between 1977 and 1979, when credit demand was slack, it is not the control of the control o invested heavily in long term government promissory notes at low fixed interest rates, and stepped up its long term lending to housebuilders also at low fixed rates.

Pressure to

raise energy

prices in US

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Minister for Trade, yesterday

reaffirmed the Government's determination to persuade the

United States to raise its energy prices to world levels more quickly. Under present plans this will not occur for both oil and gas until 1985.

He told a delegation of pro-

fessional managers from ICI Fibres at Harrogate that talks

should begin before the next European Community Council

Meanwhile, the Commission was taking anti-dumping action

against certain American im-ports into the United Kingdom.

The delegation, organized by the Managerial, Professional & Staff Liaison Group, had earlier

called for "drastic action " to save Britain's textiles industry.

artificially low energy and

feedstock costs, are regarded as a significant threat to its sur-

February.

Ministers meeting in

and changes in organization to curb costs



Herr Paul Lichtenberg: enjoying his to full-time banking.

The bank failed to anticipate West Germany's swing into balance of payments deficit, which has forced the Federal deficit, which has forced the Federal Bank to maintain a tight credit policy for the past 16 months. Because Commerchank has traditionally depended to a large extent on money market borrowing to refinance its lending, this combination of factors put immense pressure on margins.

Herr Lichtenberg said the bank had started to react to its problems last year. In the first 10 months, it switched DM1,200m (£257m) from long term promissory notes into short term paper that required no end-year writeoffs. This move also created scope for new lending of DM500m at higher interest rates.

By selling its 32 per cent stake in Kaufhof, the West German store group, and reducing its holding in the Hochtief construction firm, the bank realized profits to cover writeoffs at the end of last year of DM70m on fixed interest

Further commitments from

the Japanese over the number

of cars to be exported to the United Kingdom this year will

be sought by the British dele-gation at the next round of motor industry talks in Lisbon on February 3 and 4.

Japanese manufacturers have

already agreed to a further year of voluntary restraint in the

United Kingdom but Britain's

Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) now wants

to reach an agreement at the

Lisbon talks on the probable size of the 1981 United

Kingdom car market.
The meeting comes just five months after leaders of the two

iodustries met in Tokyo to dis-

cuss the voluntary restraint policy, but the SMMT is keen

to get this year's round off to an early start.

Last year, a total of 180,190

Japanese cars were sold in the United Kingdom, almost 5,000 fewer than in 1979, but their

share of the market rose from

10.78 per cent to 11.9 per cent.
A winter sales freeze by Datsun
UK, the largest Japanese
importer, helped to curb the
market share but it remained

Japanese cars pledge sought

higher than had been expected.
Mr Anthony Fraser, director
of the SMMT, said yesterday:

"Last year the Japanese said they miscalculated the size of

the market and we are now hop-

ing to reach early agreement on our 1981 forecasts."

last year that the Japanese had overestimated the level of

United Kingdom car registra-tions, sales targets had been set

Car sales last year, at 1.51 million, were the fifth largest on record but represented a fall of 11.8 per cent on the 1979 figure of 1.72 million. This year

the SMMT is predicting a fur-ther drop of 6 per cent to 1.42m. If the Japanese agree on this figure, it would mean that to

achieve a market share of no

more than 11 per cent they would have to reduce unit sales

would have to reduce unit sales by 24,000 compared with 1980. The Japanese "prudent" mar-keting policy generally is assumed to mean a United Kingdom market share of be-tween 10 and 11 per cent. The Eritish delegation at the Lishon ralks will be led by Sir

Lisbon talks will be led by Sir Bernard Scott, president of the SMMT, and include Mr Fraser and Mr Hugh Cownic, the asso-

and shipments made.

By the time it was realized

securities and DM37m on its holding in the troubled AEG electrical concern. Rerr Lichtenberg said that, aithough the bank expected interest rates will stay high in Germany this year, it expected higher earnings on its lending business because roughly DM4,000m of long term lending at low rates is due for repayment

while the bank has only to pay back DM1,900m of fixed interest debt to its He said the bank planned no significant expansion in its balance sheer this year.
"In general, we have learned our of the developments of the past years to hold long term fixed interest lending in narrower limits", Herr Lichtenbers added. Although the dictates of the market did not allow the bank to abandon such business completely, it would in future be measured against the bank's ability to borrow long term. Over a period, Commerzbank hoped to reduce its

dependence on money market refinancing

and build up its savings business.

Herr Lichtenberg made clear that he expected the bank's staff to work harder to help it out of its difficulties. Both the managing board and the supervisor; board are receiving no performance related payments in respect of last year. He disclosed that he is trying to get Dr Walter Seipp, at present a member of the Westdeutsche Landesbank board, to become the new chief executive of

Commerzbank.

Herr Lichtenberg has been seconded from his position as chairman of Commerzbank's supervisory board for one year to find a chief executive to replace. Herr Robert Dhom, whose retirement on the grounds of ill health was announced shortly before Christmas:

ciation's economic adviser. It is not yet known whether it will

also include Mr. Pratt Thomp-

son, chairman of BL Inter-national, and Mr George Turn-

bull, chairman and managing director of Talbot UK, both of

whom attended last September's

place against a background of

mounting mease throughout the rest of Europe and in the

United States about the con-

tinuing Japanese car invasion. A top level European Com-

mission delegation is to visit Tokyo later this month in a

bid to persuade manufacturers

to control exports to the EEC which rose by 19 per cent in the first eight months of 1980 compared with a year earlier.

Renault of France recently

ave a warhing to the Belgian

Government that it would re-duce investments and opera-tions in Belgium if imports of

Japanese vehicles were left

from the United States Trans-

portation Department has urged Congress to negotiate some form of import restraint.

American car makers had re-

The discussions are taking

meeting.

Peter Norman

upon and, in particular, for the

From Mr P. R. Easton

It would appear the disagree-ment is really between the filling stations and the credit card companies, with the latter charging too high a rate of commission to the former. If that is so, why take it out on the customer?

As a matter of fact, it is the filling stations—and the MAA behind them—which will ulti-

and unfair policy of applying a penal surcharge. Like no doubt many other motorists, I now pay cash at such garages but purchase only £2 or £3 worth of fuel instead of a full tank, value £16-£17, rs I would do when using a credit card. May one hope that the more

tial customers know where their filling stations are located? I, for one, will make a point of using them whenever possible. P. R. EASTON.

mately suffer from this strange

Sir, From the label of a

"Hand or machine wash on R. H. DAWSON, gentle cycle in warm water 93 Markfield, using mild detergent with zipper closed. Do not bleach. Tumble Croydon,

tennis shoe". I remain, Sir, in some confusion,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Implications of pay claims

Sir, Of course farm employers would like to see farm workers' pay very substantially higher than that confirmed by the Agricultural Wages Board on January 6, if those who pay if could recover the cost. There are very many small scale producers who employ no labour, although many of these (tenants or owners occupiers) are rearly or owners occupiers) are work-ing for drawings which ing for "drawings" which amount to less than the Agri-cultural Wages Board rate would be if they were in employment. These farmers with no wage bill are in competition with those was do employ labour on their holdings and both receive the same prices for their products in the market place. Could this be the reason why the Low Pay Unit reports coly 14 per cent of national farm income is being spent on labour?

On the partnership's farms in North Devon and on Emmoor where all labour is employed. there are 36 efficient farm workers. Over the last three years the proportion of labour cost to output has risen from 20 per cent to 25 per cent. The problem is particularly one of the hills, because although our intensive lowland dairy farms currently pay 20 per cent of gross income as wages, the extensive Exmoor farms have a labour element of 35 per cent. (Similar farm enterprises show similar ratios).

There are clear implications for rural employment which Dan van der Vat does not touch

health of the National Parks, trade unionist but cannot see concerning not only farm wor-kers but 2150 forestry am-claim for 30 per cent for a wage kers but 2150 forestry em-ployees, which ought to be considered by the new inquiry into wages and jobs being undertaken by the Agricultural Wages Board as part of this year's settlement. Yours faithfully,

HUGH THOMAS The Fortescue Farm Partnership. Estate Office, Castle Hill, . Filleigh, Barnstaple,

Devon EX32 ORH. January 7. From Mr R. T. Arguile

Sir. One understands that the union which represents the water workers and those dealing with water supply and sewage disposal, have put up a claim for a 30 per cent wage increase. They have bron offered 7.9 per cent in return

and a dispute which could affect us all is likely.

The following are headlines and abstracts taken from your own paper: "Inflation rate in past three months averages 8
per cent " (October 1980);
"72 per cent happy with pay *72 per cent happy with pay, poll shows " (November 1980);
*Pay rises 6 per cent above level of inflation " (November 1920); "Water unions see miners" pay deal as pace center?" (Insurant 1921) miners' pay deal as pace setter" (January 1981).

I was at one time a qualified water engineer and also worked for local authorities and dealt with sewcrage and sewage dis-posal. I have been a life-long increase when the inflationary trend is downwards, when most folk are content with current pay awards and when it is known that pay awards last year outstripped price increases and inflation. The private sector has had to accept lower pay. The public sector are becoming the albatross

around our necks. Finally we have over two million unemployed. What times Yours faithfully, R. T. ARGUILE, 12 Edward Road. Market Harborough, Leics LE16 7AD.

From Mr R. N. Cohen Sir, We like to buy British and we like to sell British and we like to ship British, but what can any sensible firm do at this moment with the threat of a seaman's strike, when we have material to send to Singaporethe customer relies on our delivering on time and we can a con-British shipping company,

Do the British seamen understand what damage they are doing to their companies and to themselves, even by threatening Your faithfully. R. N. COHEN.

A. Cohen & Co (Great Britain) Ltd, 8 Waterloo Place, St James's, London SWIY 4AH,

Credit card surcharges

Sir, I was glad to note that one major perrol retailer at least has the sense not to try to cenalize those customers wishing to use credit cards when purchasing fuel on the forecourt (Letters, January 9).

ealightened petrol retailers, such as Swan National, will make every effort to let poten-

6 Buckingham Street,

Label was a Chinese puzzle

Chinese-made down jacket pur-chased on January 7:

dry on lowest heat with a clean

A clergyman's

From Mr William Richards Sir, The Rev John Brown (news item, January 7) might reflect that the fact of his wife earning a substantial salary has obvi-ously enabled him to indulge himself in the matter of for-going part of his salary increase.

It would be very much better if he took the full increase and asked his wife to stay at home, both as an example of dedication to the family and es a way of providing a job vacancy for someone more obviously in

The time has long gone (if it were ever here) when the country could afford two wage earners to every family, parti-cularly when one of them has a much more important job at home, helping to keep the social structure of the country together and nurturing its greatest asset-the next genera-

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM G. RICHARDS, 21 Grange Weint,

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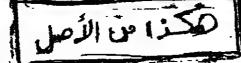
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Dog days in German banking

Art the problems of the German banks, which have finally led Commerzbank to confirm that it will not be paying a dividend this year, just a temporary phenomenon wholly connected with the weakness of the Deutschemark and the vicious squeeze on interest margins over the last two years? Or are they a reflection of fundamental changes in the banking structure that are working to the disadvantage of the big universial banks?

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Many German bankers believe that it is bad management, which has been too slow to respond to changes in the economy at large, that is at the root of their troubles. Commerzbank's difficulties stem from the rapid expansion of its balance sheet over the last five years which has given it a higher proportion of fixed-rate lending than the other banks. To make matters worse this has been largely funded in the interbank market, where borrowing has become more and more expensive as the German authorities have intensified the monetary squeeze. Certainly, the much better showing of Deutsche Bank this year, while reflectaing its wider domestic branch network and cheaper current account money to some extent, also owes a lot to its management's better reading of German interest rates.

But the position of the universal banks in the monetary system, whereby they have to place interest-free deposits with the Bundesbank, puts them at the sharp end in periods of monetary restraint as over the last two years. Unlike the British clearers, the big three German banks have only about 10 per cent of the savings market and with the sharp rise in interest rates the savings and Landesbank have become very stiff

Meanwhile, with their large industrial holdings and the difficulties of German companies highlighted by the crisis last year at AEG, the banks may have extensive bad deht provisions for some time to come.

For the moment though Commerzbank is tolking confidently about getting back to a dividend in 1981. But the dogs days for German banks are far from over given that interest rates look like remaining high, and the old practice of yearly rights issues to pump no balance sheets will now be much more difficult to get away. Critics of United Kingdom clearing bank profits may like to muse on what would have happened to depositors' confidence bad Barclays or NatWest passed their dividend.

Reo Stakis

When Scotland suffers...

Reo Stakis Organization, the Scottish hotel casino and off licence chain has grown through opportunism. It used a loophole in Glaswegian licensing laws to build hotels that could cater for drinkers on Sundays when pubs were closed, and it was quick last year to spend £4.4m cash on five Ladbroke casinos when the Courts forced the closure of Cyril Stein's casino chain.

However, it will need all its opportunism to cope with Scotland's recession this year. a point not lost in the market yesterday where the shares slipped 21p to 491p.

The figures for the year to last September are surprisingly good. After the rise of 18 per cent in profits at half time the group seemed to be heading for £4m for the full year. But Scotland's worst summer in memory and recession soon had observers settling for around £3.7m. Instead Reo Stakis came up with pretax profits of £3.94m against £3.56m, a figure to which the Lad-broke casinos did not contribute.

The profits breakdown is also surprising. Wholesale wines and spirits and off licences doubled trading profits to film, good even though recession is apparently inducing Scotsmen to drink at home after visiting off licences rather than pubs. The 16 per cent advance in casino profits to £1.59m was by contrast pedestrian but hotels and innshad a 7 per cent gain to £2.35m.

Short of fulfilling a long held ambition to buy a "flagship" hotel in London Reo Stakis could be short of pleasant surprises this year. Christmas trade was adequate, but fewer people are flying North to visit Scot-land. Results are admitted to be "below expectations". Profits in the first half year will suffer, but another full year of progress is foreseen. But could simply mean that the five Ladbroke casinos will make, say £700,000 after financing charges and the whole group only £4.3m or so, implying a

setback for Stakis as it was before the Ladbroke deal.

The shares have already come up from 29ip at one time last year and now yield only 4 per cent, a lot less than Grand



Mr Reo Stakis, chairman of The Reo Stakis

Metropolitan and Trusthouse Forte, but the Stakis family, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, and Scottish institutions between them have a majority of the shares.

• One of the Government's main financial aims, the Treasury made it clear last summer, would be to take pressure of longterm interest rates by shifting a greater proportion of public-sector financing to the horter term personal sector market, ie to National Savings instruments. That, in turn, would encourage companies to return to the long-term markets to borrow, taking pressure off the banks and the money supply, as defined by sterling M3. That aim remains intact, according to Mr McMahon, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England in the Ernest Sykes Memorial Lecture that he delivered last night.

The evidence to date, however, suggests that it is fairly hard going for the authorities. Sales of the new issues of Gramy Bonds, launched in November, have been only a limited success to date, though there are clearly hopes that the raised ceilings on holdings of Nineteenth Issue Savings Certificates and Investment Account deposits will prove a good draw. Meanwhile, long-dated, gilt-edged yields have crept back above the 14 per cent level, with the yield curve tending to turn more positive rather than more negative as the authorities had

It must get

SGB's final results put some life back into the shares after their recent weakness and they closed 8p higher at 136p on the £1.8m. rise in pretar profits to £16.3m.

But it is clear that trading in the year

to September 27 became progressively tougher and at this stage it looks as though profits in the current year will be down by at least £1m.

Having increased first half profits by a quarter, SGB managed only a 3 per cent rise n the second half and the experience of the heavy plant hire activities in contractors services—the only United Kingdom division not to increase profits—gives some indica-tion of how tough 1980-81 will be.

Coming early in the cycle, the heavy plant hire activities did little better than break

Scaffolding, which has been helped by the level of repair and maintenance work remains the core of the group; the United Kingdom scaffolding companies accounted for much of the profit increase, contributing over half the pretax total, and repair and maintenance work is still holding up

Overseas results were better despite the downturn in Continental Europe. Meanwhile, SGB's hire shops made higher profits but are temporarily at least ex-growth.

SGB has a good record and sound balance

sheet and the dividend, increased by 16 per cent, is 3½ times covered under current cost accounting. But given the group's exposure to the construction industry, a 5.6 per cent yield is no more than adequate support for shares at this stage. been hoping.

Melvyn Westlake

How much of a crisis in exports?

economy in recent months has been the performance of exports. The level recorded each month by the Department of Trade has appeared to be entirely out of seas orders and declining

The acute concern felt about 1979 export prospects arises from the massive loss of price com-petitiveness that has occurred during the last couple of years.
On the basis of relative labour costs the level of price competitiveness in 1980 is estimated by the Treasury to have been some 40 to 50 per cent less favourable than in 1978.

Such a deterioration, Bank of England said in its last Quarterly Bulletin, "has no parallel in recent history, either in this country or among its major competitors. According to Bank estimates, changes in effective competitiveness probably reduced the volume of manufactured exports by 4 per cent between the fourth quarter. cent between the fourth quarter of 1979 and the third quarter of 1980. But the full effect of recent losses of competitiveness on the volume of trade has, the Bank believes, yet to be felt.

There are two reasons for this loss of competitiveness: high wage increases and the sharp rise in the pound's

xchange rate. Of the 40-50 per cent loss in competitiveness the Treasury apportions three fifths to the higher rise in unit labour costs in the United Kingdom than in our competitors and the remaining two lifths to exchange

rate appreciation.

In spite of ell this, however, exports in 1980 were op on those in 1979. The value of visible exports last year is visible exports have more than likely to have been more than 16 per cent higher than for 1979 (on the basis of the first eleven months and assuming that the December figure is

about the average for October and November).

Much of this increase does, of course, represent higher export prices. In volume terms

of exports during the year. Thus, excluding erratic items like ships, aircraft, precious stones and North Sea installations, the volume of visible exports declined between the appeared to be entirely out of first and second quarters of tune with the alarmist reports the year, with a further modest from industrialists of lost over- drop in the third. Even so, volume sales abroad were still then above the average for

> In September and October it did appear that exports were set on a downward course, but November they bounced

What is significant, however, is that the main contributor to last year's modest rise in export volumes was sales of non-manufactures — food, beverages, tobacco, basic materials and fuels. The volume of oil exports rose by 3-4 per cent as well as earning more for Britain as

On the other hand, the volume of manufactured exports which account for about three quarters of the total, was higher than in 1979 (excluding erratic items). This was because of a marked fall in semi-manufac-tures, notably standardized bulk goods like chemicals. This category, more than any other, appears to be suffering from the effects of loss of competi-

Overall sales of finished manufactures actually rose, although even here the result was not uniform, with exports of cars dropping and capital and intermediate goods rising. Thus, while there is evidence that some sub-categories of exports are being hit by the loss of competitiveness, it is not yet apparent that such

effects are very widespread.

There are three possible explanations why this should be so. To begin with, it is clear that the growth of markets important to Brimin has been quite strong and certainly greater than had been at first expected by the Department of Trade.
The growth of world trade

in manufactures, weighted to accord with the pattern of Britain's trade, is estimated to export prices. In volume terms visible exports are likely to have risen by about 2 per cent, after a 3½ per cent increase in 1979.

The underlying trend is shown by changes in the level growth will still have been quite high. 140 HOW UK COMPETITIVENESS IS WEAKENING (normalised) relative export relative profitability f exports 1979 1 1980

Except for relative export profitability, an upward movement in an ndex Indicates a worsening in competitive

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In particular, the major oil exporting countries, which are more important markets for us than our main competitors, have been rapidly expanding their imports after the oil price increases. Some of the smaller European countries, too, have been quite strong markets.

This has helped to prevent

a sharp decline in the level of foreign sales, though, even so, it still seems likely that Britain's volume share of world trade in manufactures will show a fall for 1980.

A second factor helping to maintain export levels last year mamain export levels last year may have been a redirection of sales from the depressed home market to overseas markets. There is some evidence that those sectors which have been suffering particularly badly from the domestic recession have performed reasonably well in export markets. in export markets.

It has been suggested that companies might be attempting to overcome the effects of the high exchange rate by improv-ing non-price factors like quality, delivery dates, market-ing and after-sales service.

The high level of stocks in industry and the recession et

home would certainly have permitted a sharp improvement in delivery time though, if this is the only non-price factor that has improved, any advantage conferred to exporters would be unlikely to survive an upturn in the home market. There is not much evidence of any more profound improve-ment in non-price competitive-

It may also be that exporters have tried to hang on to their overseas markets by cutting profit margins. The profitability of exporters does not appear to have deteriorated much since the end of 1979, relative to profits on home sales, although there has pro-bably been a fall in the profitability of both. According to some calcula-

tions, however, the absolute level of profitability of exports remains higher than for home sales and this would be another incentive for a redirection of sales from the depressed home market to overseas markets.

The third explanation for the recent export performance is the time lag involved before higher prices lead to a fall in orders. The less standardized orders.

involved, and the longer the contracts and delivery times that are entailed, the longer it will take for higher prices to lead to a fall in orders.

An importer may also, be able to switch suppliers only after a lag. In the mean time he may be obliged to pay the higher prices asked and the value of exports will rise.

The Treasury believes that it may take up to four years for the full effect of a loss of competitiveness to be felt in the volume of manufactured exports. These effects build up particularly strongly after two years, which means that Britain will begin to feel them more acutely in the next few months.

. Some economists have suggested that these relationships between price and volume may have begun to break down in recent years and that an recent years and that an improvement in the non-price factors has reduced the sensitivity of British exports to changes in relative prices. But no evidence of such breakdown in well established relationships has ben found by economists in Whitehall.

While the relative strength of overseas sales last year has caused some surprise, there seems little chance of exports repeating that performance this year. Economic forecasters are variously predicting that the volume of exports will fall by between 0.5 and 6 per cent in 1981. The Treasury itself expects the growth in our export markets to slow down substantially, to only about 3 per cent this year. Total exports, sustained to some extent by rising exports of oil and some other non-manufactured goods, are predicted by the Treasury to fall

by 3 per cent.
No official forecast is made about the likely growth of manufactured exports this year, in volume terms, but it seems likely that the 3 per cent drop predicted by the National Institute is close to the best official

What makes matters worse is that the situation is still deteriorating Inflation in Britain is still above that of our compe-titors and, even if the pound rose no further, this would still mean that price competitiveness was getting worse. Weaker ex-ports are thus likely to exacerbate the recession this year.

Why the travel trade is angry about air fares

With a few notable exceptions the last place to find the cheapest international air fares available in Britain at present is a
importance in recent months,
travel agency. That more than
thanks largely to British Airanything, explains the travel ways. The airline has embarked

The bargains on offer may be riddled with restrictions but claim that it has given they are undoubtedly bargains verbal authority to sales staff instance, by following up newspaper and magazine advertise-ments can find himself a re-served return London to Bom-bay with Gulf Air for about £290, If he went to a travel agent or booked direct with the airline the price would be

This sort of price-cutting has been going on for years, It frequently involves providing false details, such as the date of booking to enable the passenger to take advantage of Apex fare reductions. As far as the airlines are concerned the prac-tice is illegal under the Civil Aviation Authority's licensing regulations. But the authorities turn a

blind eye to such activities, on as a new aggressive marketing the grounds that any adminition which prevents the public from taking advantage of cheap air fares is likely to at all that they cannot compete appear anachronistic in these against the new BA fares which

trade's anger with the price, upon an aggressive, if not des-cutting campaign now being perate, marketing campaign to waged by the airlines.

The bargains on offer may be

and available to anyone anyone anyone to match any other fare, to one, that is, except a travel agent. The disgent traveller, for the traveller of the travelle to be used as Apex fares, and to turn the trickle of BA tickets sold to bucket shops into a

flood.

A British Airways spokesman said that he was not aware that sales staff had authority to match fares or backdate tickets. Of the volume of British Airways business going to bucket shops, he commented: "Foreign airlines are dumping thean sears on to the market

cheap seats on to the market and BA has had to take steps to protect our business."

Foreign carriers, who are by no means whiter than white when it comes to bucket shop sales, are both furious and fearful of the effects. While all accept that bucket shop sales might be used for dumping excess capacity, to use the outlets

smaller airlines are in no doubt at all that they cannot compete against the new BA fares which are on offer at or below the cost

days of deregulation. are on offer at or below the cost
But the heavily discounted air
fare, normally sold through
"bucket shops" which are not equally as heartfelt. They are

members of the Association of increasingly threatened with British Travel Agents (Abta), accusations of being uncompetitive and have seen package Gover holiday booking services open BA's up in employment bureaux and above multiple stores in recent weeks. lead. Mr Keith Hunter, chairman of ABTA's arline committee, says bluntly: This sort of

says bluntly: "This sort of dumping of aircraft seats we look upon as a short-term step to Carey Street for the airlines. At the end of the line, some-one has to pay. If everyone goes against each other who will win in the end? The airlines have gone over the top and are selling through any ontiet they can ABTA's position, not un-naturally, is that its members should also be able to avail themselves of bucket shop prices and pass them on to their

customers. BA, and the other airlines who decide to go down the mass discount road, would no doubt be happy to do so, but it is difficult to see how such wide-

from the Government. If the Government is convinced of BA's strategy of seeking volume revenue above all else, it may give that travellers.

be sanctioned without a lead

effects on world aviation, least on the rewards of the Business travel has remained static in the face of the leisure travel boom of recent years and

has consequently taken second place in marketing priorities But it is the business travellers who have consistently paid the full fare in the past and are more likely to stick with the airlines through the recession.

Are they, too, going to start demanding cheaper faires, whittling away at the hard core of full fare passengers? According to Mr Arthur Lyddiscount road, would no doubt dall, past president of the Insti-be happy to do so, but it is difficult to see how such wide-spread flouring of the law could business travel specialists,

"whether the airliners know it or not, they are contributing to the erosion of their high revenue earning business "More and more companies

The air faces jungle is likely are becoming cost conscious to have a number of long-term and fitting their travel requireeffects on world aviation, not ments in with discounted faces." The air fares market has

about it at present, with business travellers swapping tales of how the yeaved hundreds of pounds on a trip to Hongkong by booking a package holiday with one of the big tour com-

But behind it lies the pressing reality of the mounting losses facing most of the world's sirlines. The 108 members of the International Air Transport Association (Iata) are facing losses estimated at f1,100m last year and little better this. There is precious little room for mistakes.

David Hewson

The high risks of drug research

The withdrawal of Fisons antiasthmatic drug Proxicromil only months before its launch is a pharmaceutical company's nightnare come true.

The collapse of Proxicromil is as vivid an example as there has been of the enormous risks involved in the manufacture of drugs. It is estimated that only one in 10,000 new products synone in 10,000 new products synthesized in drug company laboratories ever reaches the doctor's surgary. But many of these fall by the wayside at a fairly early stage. Fisons' bad luck—a very expansive piece of bad luck—was that it fell at the very last hurdle.

The papers on Proxicromil were being studied by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines—the final safety scrutiny required before a drug can be marketed—when the company

marketed—when the company itself called a halt, disturbed by the results of a series of tests which had been carried out on animals.

The drug industry arouses a moral indignation in its critics that few other industries, with the possible exception of arms can match. The pharmaceutical companies, the detractors say, trade on human frailty and misery and make enormous profits in so doing.

That many drug companies do make very high profits is true and the industry as a whole makes the kind of returns which make other industrialists green with envy. In the three years to April, 1979, according to a recent survey by Inter Company Comparisons, the average profit margin of the industry rose from 10 per cent to 12.4 per cent and the average return on capital climbed from 18.5 per cent to 25.5 per cent.

But what is not so readily appreciated is the extremely high cost of research and development in the industry and the fairly short time over which a good drug can be successfully exploited. Drug com-panies race against a 20 year clock. That is the length of time which they have patent

very early stage in the research its safety. It is ironic that this programme and, on average, re- was the last series of tests



Intal-Fison's biggest success: what will follow it?

search, development and safety testing takes between 10 and 12 years, which can leave a com-pany with only eight years to sell the drug unimpeded before competitors can move in with their own copies. Patent protection is just

about to start running out for one of Fisons' most successful products, the antiasthmatic Intal, and Proxicromil had been widely regarded as the successor which would take its place as the lead product in the Fison's range. Proxicromil was due to reach the United Kingdom market in September and was to have been launched in most European countries during 1982 and 1983. It was expected that approval would have been obtained for sale in the American and Japanese markets by 1985 or 1936.

Now the whole plan has blown up in Fisons' face. The company says that a number of other compounds with "significant potential" are now being developed in its laboratories, but no one could hide the disappointment that the collapse

of Proxicromil has caused.
Dr Derek Quantock, Fisons' director of research and devel-opment, is the man on whose recommendation the drug was withdrawn, when it became apparent that long-term animal But the clock is started at a tests were throwing doubts on

required by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines and even more ironic that these tests, carried out on rate, had been carried through without any negative indications on

hampsters.

"I think my first reaction was disbelief and then disappointment," Dr Quantock said yesterday.

It will be some time before Fisons' accountants are able to quantify with any precision just how expensive the Proxi-cromil affair has been, but Dr Quantock was able to give some indication of the large number of expensive laboratory man hours which had gone into the

project. The compound, he said, had been patented in 1973 and for the next three years 20 people were involved in detailed research work on it. The pro-ject moved into the development phase in 1976 and between then and 1978 an average of 60 people were involved, building up to a peak of about 80 in 1978. Thereafter the numbers dropped off again, until last year the laboratory was using about 25 people on

Proxicromil. The Proxicromil affair will do nothing to stem the arguments over drug pricing. The critics, many of whom would like to see the industry at least partially nationalized, will shed few tears for a company which managed to make nearly 60 per cent of its £11.1m profits in the first sig months of last year out of a division which accounts for accounts for only 20 her cent of sales. If Prezictomil had become another Jural, they will roint out. Fisons' drugs division would be able to look forward to another decade or more of what the critics see as universitiebly high profits.

The drug companies could be forgiven for not seeing it quite that way. Pisons, after all, now spends between £9.5m and · £10m a year on drug research and after many years of demanding and expensive work has just had to conston a prize project to the dustbin.

Malcoim Provn

Business Diary: Two into one • Frozen asset

Yesterday's big chauges bring to an end the unusual manage-ment structure whereby Mid-land Bank was led not by one but by two chief executives. Six years ago the board coning had become too complex for one man to handle, so Malcolm Wilcox and Stuart Graham were put on a par to run the international and domestic operations respec-

tively. .. Now, with the retirement of Wilcox when he reaches 60 in June and the need to consolidate the bank's activities after a period of extensive change, Midland is appointing just one chief executive. Graham is taking on the job for the next year or so before he retires and under him will be John Brooks and Geoffrey Taylor, responsible for the day-to-day running of the two sides of the bank, and vying for the top slot in 1982.

Coming up fast on the inside track is John Harris who, still in his forties, takes on Taylor's old role in the international division. Insiders at Poultry see Harris as the next chief-

Another to figure in the changes is Michael Fuller, who becomes a general manager. Wilcox, who joined as a junior clerk in 1938, bows out on a high note, having engineered the merger with San Francisco's Crocker National, the biggest ever public But in Frankfurt this facility of the company of the

foreign bank takeover in the United States. Now all eyes are on who will , be the next Midland chairman when caretaker Sir David Barran steps down in the next



with, and support for, Norman St John-Stevas."

No one can accuse Paul Lichtenberg, the 69-year-old reactivated chief executive of Commerzbank, of not knowing what he wants. He has made it abundantly clear that Dr Walter Seipp, one of the two deputy executive board chair-men at the Westdenische Landesbank, is just the man to take over his position at the top of Germany's third largest private sector bank. The only problem is that the Westdeutsche Landesbank does not

week Lichtenberg did not hesi-

tate to describe Seipn as his "ideal" candidate to manage the troubled bank and let it be

known that he had been press-ing Westdeutsche Landesbank hard to release him

All of this can hardly be to the liking of the Westdeutsche Landesbank which is understood to have already refused to release Seipp in December of last year. Dr Seipp is mdoubtedly an asset and he has played a big role in building up the Dusseldorf bank's foreign and Euromarket business

Moreover, the Westdeutsche Landesbank has lost a lot of talent from its managing board over the past few years. Dr Seipp would relish the Commercibank job. Not only is he a man of great energy, but the Commerzbank would be his last chance of getting a top post in German banking. The change could have personal

attractions as both he and his

wife come from the Frankfurt

Austin Callaghan is to take over from Bill Hyde this June as president of the 20,000-strong union leader, first for his successful exposure of communist cessful exposure of communist ment Accountants, Callaghan, like Hyde, is a Liverpudlian and one moreover

Hyde is secretary to the Chest of Oxford University, among whose assets is the city's Playhouse Theatre. Callaghan is now financial controller of the Royal Liverpool Philhar-monic Society and perhaps one of the few accountants to have performed on the stage of the

whose work has a cultural

city's Philharmonic Hall. at the time, but singing in the chorus of the Archdiocesan Choral Society, formed 14 years ago for the opening of the Catholic cathedral there. conservative economists have
He went to the Phil last no need to refer to the real

April (appropriately enough at the start of the financial year) after a stormy 14 years at the Mersey Docks and Harbour

bring down the loss for this financial year to a manage-able size and he plans to eliminate it next year.

On arriving at the Phil, he foreign and Euromarket business since leaving the found that, too, in financial and personal freedom are in-Deutschebank in Frankfurt crisis, Thus, while principal separable." Even Reader's conductor David Atherton Digest might find that a little wielded his baton, Callaghan indigestible. brandished his calculator to

> third of turnover). Callaghan, who sang at the Phil while accounting else-where, will now account elsewhere as a consultant now that he is working for the musicians.

maloractice in the union he now heads and, since, for his advocacy of "moderation". When Chapple, the general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications

and Plumbing Trade Union, wrote a piece on the latter theme in Reader's Digest some

time ago it was widely noticed

Not so a guest column he con

tributes to the current issue of the monetarist Journal of Economic Affairs. In this, Chapple takes to task . Callaghan was not doing sums Professor Hayek for his assertion that unions retard econo mic growth. Asking Hayek for evidence, Chapple says: the philosophers of old, the

world: they have a theory waich tells them what the world is really like." Chapple concludes, although Company which took in finan-cial crisis and capital recon-struction. he is unlikely to be heard ex-cept by readers of the journal or of Business Diary: "In the real world trade union freedom

Tokyo University, I see, is to plant five saplings from the apple tree that first brought One fortissimo note is that home the Law of Gravity to the Arts Council is increasing. Cambridge alumnus Isaac Newits £340,000 grant (about a ton. Does this mean that the Imanese are working on a law of gravity that is more reliable and cheaper to run?

Ross Davies

Stock markets

Oils, electricals and engineers lead the way down

Fears over the damaging consequences of the seamen's Elsewhere, Glazo dropped 10p to 242p amid fears of a similar of institutional support saw equities continue to drift lower yesterday.

Dealers could only mark

Dealers could only mark prices lower amid small nervous offerings, as analysts talked of the index dipping to the 420 mark by the end of the current account.

current account.

Oils were again a weak feature on the back of bearish weekend newspaper comment, but jobbers described turnover as minimal. Electricals too, came in for heavy selling after hours, and rumours of a major company in trouble did little for the engineering sector. So with most of the major institutions staying on the sidelines, the FT Index was left to its own devices, closing at its low point for the day 7.7 down at 447.4.

A firmer trend was seen in gilts, where prices improved in a thin macket on the back of just t bandful of buying orders. In longs, gains of up to £4 were established, while in shorts prices reverted to unchanged on overnight levels. Company
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SGR Group (F)
Reo Stakis (F)
Dividends in this table Leading industrials spent the day with a massive hangover

following the announcement the previous evening from Fisons that it was withdrawing its anti-asthma drug Proxicromil. Dealers said the announcement had taken the market by sur-prise and left it in a state of shock. The shares lost 30p to 138p, making a 50p fall in the last two days with several lead-

Note the renewed strength m shares of Tern-Consulate, the men's shirt and kniturear grown, which held steady at 57p yesterday compared with the year's low of 22p. Mr Peter Barden, chairman, says he's mystified by the latest demand and is not interested in selling. But he admits that he has received at least four approaches for the company within the past year.

had ICI 60 lower at 2980 amid talk of a cut in the dividend when the group reports next when the group reports next month. Others to lose ground included Dunlop at 63p. Hawker Siddeley at 234p and Lucas Industries at 192p, all 2p lighter.

Sales Em 3:0(3.3) 2.38(2.45) 43.6(37.2)

SGR Group (F) 140(119) 16.3(14.5) 28.6(27.5)

Reo Stakis (F) 63.43(58.63) 3.44(3.56) 5.5(4.7)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Els shown on a gross basis. To establish cross multiply the net dividend earnings are net. *= Irish currency. †= Net.

Jobbers were baffled by the late heavy selling of oils which was directed at most of the majors. GEC closed 5p lower at 580p after being 2p higher on balance at 585p.

easier at 131p.

Falls were also seen in Racal, down 3p at 294p, Plessey, 2p to 250p, and Ferranti, 5p to 430p. Even ICL, which is believed to he about to ask the Government. for cash assistance, had its rally cut short closing 4p lower at 50p, having been 1p better on the day, However, Thorn EML which reported recently, held steady at 304p. Among the second liners investment sup-

Latest results

per share 0.48(1.75)

Talk of a leading engineering group with its back to the wall brought a cloud of gloom to engineering shares. Tube Investments tumbled 16p, to 166p amid talk of a factory closure, while the prospect of GKN making a loss, according to one broker clipped 10p from the shares at 138p. Vickers was another weak market 5p easier at 131p.

port lifted Rediffusion 2p to 120p.

The full-year figures from SGB Group were above most expectations, and the shares rose 3p to 136p, while in foods trebled profits saw Somportex leap 80p to 575p. But Jones Stroud eased 2p to 54p following a profits contraction, along with Reo Stakis 1!p to 50!p. The full-year figures from SGB Group were above most expectations, and the shares rose 3p to 136p, while in foods trebled profits saw Somportex leap 80p to 575p. But Jones Stroud cased 2p to 54p following a profits contraction, along with Reo Stakis 1!p to 50!p.

Recent figures had Robert Lowe another 2p stronger at 31p, but THF, awaiting figures next week, slipped 5p to 178p.

31p. but THF, awaiting figures next week, slipped 50 to 178p. In financials, a similar story had Mercantile House 12p dearer, in a thin market, at 575p as it carried Britannia Arrow 11p higher at 43p.

News that it was talks which might lead to a hid stammated chares of property group Arenue Close, 12p to 75p, with one broker reported to be hidder 78p in the market for one of its ckems. The shares are tightly held and a bid would are tightly held and a bid would have to meet with the approval

In the meantime, fears that

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Year's total --(1.5)

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earlier offer saw shares of Davy Corporation retreat 7p to 159p. Ensembles cash and share offer is now thought to be worth considerably less since the recent serback on Wall Street pushed share values sharply lower and devalued the original offer. Boustead were again wanted, hardening 6p to 1145

Shares in shipping group Stag Line have risen from 205p to a sceen year high of 255p since the turn of the year on grouping speculation of a bid from Ropner Holdings. Recently Ropner copped up its holding in Stag to 29.97 per cent. Stag has just returned to profits and has stated net assets of 323p a share

as wealthy Hongkong business-man Mr Chang admitted that his company Hendon Green held 6.5 per cent.

Specularive attention was also directed at H. Goldman, up 7p at 44p, and Sumrie, 3p to 25p. Mr Harvey Michael Ross has a large stake in both companies but was not buying yesterday.
Others to attract attention
included M. J. Gleeson, 3p to
55p and John Crowther 4p to
30p. The latter in the wake of
recent board changes.

Leisure shares were in the doldrums after reports of a shortfall in the level of over-seas holiday bookings. Horizon Travel lost 7p to 127p with Saga Holidays, another casualty.

57 to M.D. The annual report from MAN made gloomy reading and the shares numbled 57 to 1830.

A bld depial topped by from Harris Cuccasway in stores at 1925, as Dixoas Photographic rase ip to 13-ip ahead of figures one our scan. House of Fraser westened in to 130p as it pre-pared for its boardroom ussle with Loatho over sale and leaseback proposals.

Cils continued to drift on smail diferents, with most shares cles as at their low point for the day. BP shed 4p at 392p despire good news on increased Forcies Field production, while Shell eased by a similar amount to 412p. Ultramar ended 3p fighter at 400p, Lasmo 10p to 702p. Tricentrel 6p to 310p. Durmah 2p to 181p and Premier 21p to 931p.

Equity turnove; on January 12 was 578,000m (13,000 bergains). The most active stocks according to the Exchange Telegraph were ICL Royal Insurance, Fisons, Tube Investments, BP, Bass, GEC, Marki and Spencer, Ultranar, EAT, Glynwed, BICC, Ultranar, EAT, Glynwed, Carolina (Carolina and Carolina and Carolin Berisiord, Eags, and Consoli-dated Gold Fields.

Traded options had another dall day with 628 contracts, SP saw most interest, and Marks Spencer was also quite

busy.

Traditional options were quiet too. Calls were atranged in Premier at 91p and a put was done in Sears Holdings at

Jones, Stroud offer helps to maintain payout

and electrical industries, is again offering shares in lieu of the maintained interim dividend. It hopes that these will be taken

It hopes that these will be taken up by the family, which controls 50 per cent of the group.

As much as half of the £175,000 total dividend payments are expected to be distributed as shares to the family and trust. The share price years deputed 20 to 540 on and trust. The share price yesterday dropped 2p to 54p on the interim results, and the shares to be offered at an extraordinary meeting on April 2 will be at 52p on current prices. The group made a similar offer after last year's full results to March, when a final gross dividend of 4.57p was declared. Mr Philip Jones, chairman, said the family took up its share last time, saving the group half the total cost of £280,000, and are expected to do so again.

This will be a help to the

This will be a help to the group, which reported pretax profits down by 47 per cent in the six months to September to £685,000. Sales also fell 6 per cent to £14,19m, reflecting the downturn in turnover in the textiles division. Interest charges were higher at £421,000 against £322,000 last time but tax was lower at £311,000.

Contraction within group's textile division, which

By Margareta Pagano makes fabrics and accessories such as elastic for the clothing and textiles trade, has been noticeable for two to three years. But the effect of the drop demand which started last April rising costs and the exin demand which started last April, rising costs and the exchange rate have added to the problems, he said. Traditionally, sales to the textile and electrical industries contribute abour 50 per cent each to profits but this pattern has changed with the fall from textiles. Demand for goods by the electrical indus-tries has held up reasonably well in terms of profits and

Over the last year the number of employees have been reduced by 300 to 1,500 and most of the redundancies have been at tex-tile concerns. Redundancy and closure costs are covered by an extraordinary item of £90,000, with a further £44,000 for

exchange movements.

J. & J. Cash (Coventry), the nametapes concern, which last year made losses after export difficulties following a 51m investment programme, was trading at a loss at the halfway period. Reorganization included 60 redundancies and plans are continuing to reduce fixed costs and stock levels.

The Australian nametapes husiness proved in "be the one bright spot" on the textile side producing higher profits in the period.

Profits slip at Irish news group

Independent Newspapers, the Irish group which publishes the Irish Independent, the Sunday Independent and the Dublin Evening Herald, saw profits slip by a quarter last veer.

With turnover climbing by 17 per cent in the year to December 31, 1980, from (Irish pounds) £37.2m to £43.6m pretax profit dipped from £4.1m to £3.4m. The decline in profits was sharpest in the second half as the group incurred start-up as the group incurred start-up losses on its new outdoor advertising projects in France, and Germany and in magazine publishing in North America. Dr Tony O'Reilly, the chairman, said that these new ventures are expected to move into profitability in the current year.

The group maid £412.000 for

The group paid £412,000 for a 30 per cent stake in the American International Radio partnership and in Noble Multi-media Communications last International, a California registered parmership, has the exclusive licence to sell advertising time on a United States radio station based in Tijuana, Merico.

Francis set to proceed for Evered

Shares in Evered slipped 2p to 224p yesterday in the walla of the board's rejuctant recommendation of the 220 a share bid from Francis Industries. Board recognization was one of the conditions of the bld.

Francis is preparing to pro-ceed with the offer, although the Evered board did not recommend the preference share offer. However, Francis still has to be satisfied on a further condition: that Evered's share capital and reserves exceeded \$2.2m at end-1980. The last published figure was £3.2m at cnd-1979-but Eyered has made losses and sold assets since then.

Meanwhile, Eirminsham stockbroker Murray & Co released details of recent share pur-chases by Zahid Industries & Investments and associates and Mohammed Mahmood Eahr. These Arab investors paid between 23.5p and 25.1p to take their stake to 24.83 per cent. Under takeover rules they can resume buying shares on Thursday if they wish.

Securicor acquisition

Security Services, where Securicor is the main shareholder with 51 per cent of the equity, yesterday strengthened its courier and parcel services in Ireland through its 51 per cent acquisition of Purolator

. The group is paying a total of £473,000 for the Irish concern, operating guard and freight services in both Ulster and the Republic of Ireland, of which £315,000 is to be paid by the issue of 194,000 ... A " shares. The cash balance is payable to the ven-dors if Purolator reaches profit targets of about £250,000 set for the year to September 1981. Net assets of Purolator last

June were £636,000 and pretax profits to last September were £109,000.

Mr Peter Smith, chairman of Services, said the present business in Security SLOND, 8 was mainly security services, and the purchase would expand its freight trade. Purolator would continue trading separately and all ployees were safeguarded.

An option agreement covers the sale of the remaining 49 per cent, to be exercised by either the vendor or Security Services after four and five years. This will be based upon an agreed formula as to average profits over the next three years.

Briefly

Finance and General Trust Hold-ings has disposed of 50,000 drdin-ary shares which reduces share-holding in the company to below

Raine Engineering Industries: has acquired General Housing (Derby) based at Toton, Notting-ham for £132,000 cash. General Housing has three sites in Notting-ham/Derby area near to group's development at Littlelover and its current development at Whitemoor Mexicows, Belper.

Peter Brotherhood : Rights issue accepted as to over 95 per cent.

Local Authority Bonds: Interest rate on this week's Issues of Local Authority Yearling bonds is 132 per cent. Issue price is 100. (Last week 132 per cent at 100); Investors Capital Trust: Gross revenue for year to November 30

£4.52m (£4.58m). £2.13m (£2.04m). (3.30p). Dividend (2.50p plus 0.40p). (54.58m). (52.04m). Dividend

A. and J. Gelfer: Interim 1.60 net (1.5p). Turnover half year to September 30 £2,38m (£2,45m). Profit £218,000 (£196,000) after tax of £162,000 (£213,900). Eps 3.48p (3.14p).

Owen and Robinson: Interim held at 5p net. Turnover for half year to November 30 £455,000 (£554,000). Pretax profit £974 (£11,000).

McMillen and Sons: Net dividend McMillen and Sons: Net arriaged 3.53p (3.3p). For year to Septem-ber 27. Turnover, £15.19m (£14.12m). Profit after tax but before extraordinary items £1.2m (£1.17m). Credit extraordinary items £339.000 (£47,000). Eps 31.22p (30.22p).

Fairdals Textiles: Pre-tax profits for half-year to July 26 (£65.000 (£222,000) on mrnover £3m (£3.3m). Interim dividend maintained at 0.43p gross.

F. H. Lloyd: Cooper Industries has acquired a further 400,000 shares raising its stake to 21.7 per cept.

Mitsubishi 8 pc ahead

ports a consolidated net income a per cent up at 22,610m yen (£44.2m) for the half year ended September 30, on sales of 7,250bn yen against 5,600bn. Mitsubishi's earnings statement showed that sales rose substantially in all categories.

Those from exports went up 243 per cent from the year before to 1.207bn yen, while imports totalled 2,360bn yen—a 39.9 per cent year-to-year gain. Sales from trade transactions among other countries corrected Sales from trade transactions among other countries came to 722,231m yen for a 49 per cent increase. Domestic sales, accounting for 40.8 per cent of business, were put at 2,956bn yeu, up 20.1 per cent.

By product, sales of crude oil and other fuel, representing 25.8 per cent of total sales, were 1,870bn yeu, a sharp 58.1 per cent increase. Those of steel products came to 1,194bn yeu.

products came to 1,194bu yen, going up 14.9 per cent and accounting for 16.5 per cent of sales. Machinery sales were

International

1,075bn yen, up 16.5 per cent Mitsubishi officials said that the increase in the price of oil and sales of various products on a broad front helped their companies overcome setbacks resulting from rising operating expenses and heavier interest burdens stemming from boosts in the official discount rates

Elf-Aquitaine

Elf-Aquitaine reports a consolidated net profit of 4,300m francs (£394m) in the first nine months of 1980. This compares with 5,570m francs for the whole of 1979.

No comparable nine-month figures for 1979.

figures for 1979 are available because last year was the first time the company published quarterly results.



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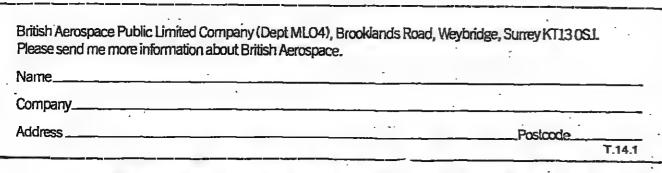
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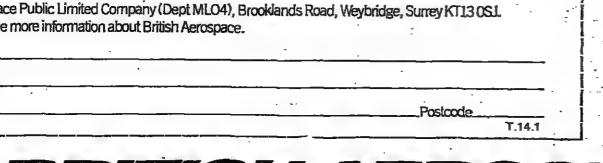
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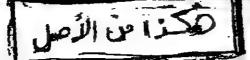
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FINANCIAL NEWS

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By Philip Robinson

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Kangra International Holdings, the mystery Hongkong-based concern which has been building a stake in the Renwick Group, announced yesterday it had bought a further 4.99 per cent, and now owns 22.52 per cent of the fuel distribution to travel agents company.

ach to promits but as changed with textiles Demand the electrical in held on reasons Despite a number of attempts by Renwick directors and their financial advisers Samuel Montagu, little is known of the Far East off-the-shelf company formed last April. Last week a meeting between Montagu directors and Kangra was e last year the mage ces have been rede.
1.300 and that the expected to take place but it is now understood that Kangra's representative has returned to

1.300 and most divides have been at this. Reducidancy to star overed by larny lient of 190s Kangra's frenetic buying of Renwick started the day before Christmas Eve with the group spending £1.1m in the stock market. It continued to buy ar prices around 85p. It is understood that there was a buying order for 500,000 Renwick shares at 68p in the market on Monday.

The share buying was a major factor in AAH Group, dropping its \$7.3m takeover bid for Renwick last week. All Kangra deals have been done through London stockbrokers, J. Bekhor.

Kangra's stake now virtually equals that of the combined shareholding said to be held by six unrelated clients of the UTO Bank of Zurich, which also has 200,000 shares
The Takeover Panel, which has also been showing interest in the Kangra buying, said in a statement before Christmas

that there was no evidence to think that the UTO Bank's clients were acting together. The UTO Bank says each of its clients holds less than 5 per cent. The Panel said that there was no evidence of a breach

Boustead leaps on news of Hongkong group's stake

A Hongkong nominee company, Hendon Green, now owns 6.53 per cent of the British overseas trader and plantation group Boustead. The news sent Boustead's shares to a new 114p high yesterday, which is thought

to have put a temporary halt to recent Malaysian buying car-ried out around the 100p a share level Hendon Green is reported to be the investment vehicle of a wealthy Malay-Chinese business-man called Mr Chang. It noti-

fied Boustead of a 5 per cent

stake last month, and revealed

the higher stake to it last week,

tion. But its London office was ignorant of any links, between Hendon Green and Sime Darby last night; while Mr Chang is said to have the resources to make a bid on his own behalf if he wishes.
Meanwhile, another British

company, Warren Plantation, is under pressure from a group of shareholders, to reconsider its diversification plans.

Rumours continued yesterday that Sinte Darby might be ren to 254 per cent of the behind the share buying, now that it has formally abandoned its pursuit of Guthrie Corporation. But its additional content of the concert party is disturbed by the content party is disturbed to the concert party in the concert party is disturbed to the concert party in the concert party is disturbed to the concert party in the concert party is disturbed to the concert party in the concert party is disturbed to the concert party in the concert party is disturbed to by Warren's recent moves away from plantations into industry, and wants to discourage further shifts, Baron Bracht, Siper's chairman said yesterday.

Sipef and Warren, which are similar in size, are partners with the government of Papaa New Guinea in an oil palm plantation, and both have interests in Indonesia. Baron Bracht could not say whether the con-cert party would consider bidding for Warren, but con-The Belgian plantation company S. A. Sipef NV and others, including RIT (formerly Rothschild Investment Trust), have the future with Warren soon.

Ice drink boosts Somportex

Somportex, the Middlesex- fore does not comply with this based confectionery and deli- requirement. catessen group, continues to see its fortunes transformed by "Slush Puppie", the ice drink launched in the United King-dom less than two years ago.

The group yesterday reported pretax profits more than trebled to £728,000 in the six months to October 31. Its shares spiralled 80p to a new high of 575p in a narrow market despite a warning that poor Easter sales will depress second-half profits on the general confectionery side. Last year, the shares, which are 65 per cent hald by family interests and

held by family interests and directors, were as low as 78p.

Turnover excluding VAT in the interim period was up from £3m to £4.4m. Earnings per share rose from 15.5p to 49.9p.

C A Sperati proposes to go private

The board of C. A. Sperati notes that under the new Comred share capital must be £50,000. The companies capital is only £25,000 and it there-

requirement.

The directors say that in their view the costs of increasing the capital, and the continuing cost of maintaining the companies share quotation, are not justified because they do not produce any significant benefit to the company or the share-holders, and they therefore propose to re-register as a private company.

No steps will be taken to re-register the company until after the annual meeting when the proposal will be tabled for

Recession casts its shadow over MAM

At Management Agency and Music, Mr Gordon Mills, chair-man, says that all divisions are trading satisfactorily, but the board feels that the current recession with its associated problems, and rising memployment, must have an increasingly adverse effect on all business undertakings. Therefore, some

likely to become unavoidable as the year progresses.

This could well be cushioned to some extent, however, by a hoped-for boost in amusement machine rents later in the year.

Aberdeen Investments buys services group

Aberdeen Investments has made is first acquisition in the field of financial services. It has agreed to acquire SCH Pinancial Services, an insurance and financial planning group which manages investment funds of about £5m.

Net profit before tax of SCH or the year to March 31 was £44,000 and net assets were

The initial consideration will be £94,000, represented by 30,000 new ordinary shares in Aberdeen Investments and £43,000 cash.

The acquisition will enable Aberdeen to expand into finan-cial service activities which the

Attwood buyscar cleaning group

Attwood Garages, which has recently been acquired by the British Car Auction group, has bought the majority 55 per cent stake in Car Cleaning Services for £36,000.

This acquisition is due to be followed by a second slightly larger, purchase which will be announced tomorrow, said Ma Thomas Marrion, the newly appointed chief executive.

Car Cleaning Services, a London-based private company whose directors hold the remaining 45 per cent stake, made pretax profits of £13,000 last year on turnover of £545,000. Its net asset value at January 31, 1980, was 522,000. Mr Marriott said it should be able to increase its turnover considerably through new motor trade contacts at Attwood. "The company could also move into cleening a wider range, including buildings and offices," he said.

The closure of BCA's offer for Attwood has also resulted in Mr Richard Attwood, the in Mr Kichard rather charman since last July Mr Anthony Attwood, brother, becoming

executive directors.

At present the two men are considering an offer of compensation to retire from the board, said Mr Marrion, "It became clear when they sold their shares that they were no longer interested, he said. Mr Marriott relieved the Attwoods of their executive duties last week, soon after the publication of the group's £104,000 pretax loss for the first half. In 1979 Attwood made an in-terim profit of £34,000.

Mr Geoffrey Skyrme has been appointed a director of Attwood Garages and will be responsible for the Talbot and Vauxball franchises.

Mr Marriott added that he fully expected the group to improve on last years £73,000.

Business appointments

Senior changes at Midland Bank

Mr M. C. Wilcox will retire as, executive resident in the United chief general manager on June 30 and will continue as a member of the Midland Bank board, chairman of Forward Trust Group and Samuel Montagu. Mr S. T. Graham, a director and chief general manager, will, upon Mr Wilcox's retirement, assume sole responsibility as chief executive of the group assisted by Mr G. W. Taylor and Mr J. A. Brooks, who are directors and deputy chief

general managers. Mr Taylor's present responsibility as chief executive, Midland Bank Ynternacional will, with effect from July 1, be assumed by Mr J. Gr Harris, a general manager, who will become a director and assistant chief general manager. Mr J. D. Greenwell, a general marager, will also become a director; and assistant chief general manager at that time. Mr B. L. Goldhorpe, a general manager, has been made a semor general manager from July 1, when he will assume the responsibilities of chief executive, Forward Trust Group, in succession to Mr Harris, Mr K. B. Cox, general manager, becomes a senior general manager with effect from February 1. Mr M. T. J. Wallis, an assistant general manager, has been raade a general manager from February 1. Mr G. D. Smith, a regional director, becomes a general manager from March 1. Mr M. J. Fuller, a

regional director, has been made general manager from July 1. Mr S. J. D. Coleridge is now a director of Barclays Mercha Bank, where he will head the group shipping department. Mr R. H. Lamb, Mr J. G. Lee

and Mr D. M. Veit have joined the board of S. Pearson & Son. Mr James G. Davis, a director of kleinwort, Benson has been elected president of the Chartered Institute of Transport for 1981/82, and will take office on October 5,

Mr W. W. Huggins has been nade deputy chairman of Pointon York (Holdings). Mr Elliott Mark Gartner becomes a director and senior

States of Morgan Grenfell Investment Services

Mr Geoffrey Anderson has resigned from the board of Laing Properties to become managing director of the Viking Property Group from March 2.

Mr.A. R. B. Samson has joined M.E.L. as commercial director. Mr P. J. McGloin and Mr G. R. Realf have been made directors of Sedgwick Aviation.

Mr Melvin H. Keeler and Mr Fred Lewis have become directors of Reed Decorative Products. Mr William H. G. Wilks will take up the post of finance director on April 1 and will join the board

on that date. Mr J. N. Butterwick, Mr B. N. Keily. Lord Kindersley and Mr T. J. Manners have been made vice-chairmen of Lazard Brothers and Company, and Mr R. J. Feilden becomes a vice-chairman of Lazard Securities. Mr M. A. P. Agius, the Hon M. D'a. Benson, Mr J. A. Kitchen and Mr C. B. Melluish are now executive directors of A. Kitchen and Mr C. B. Melluish are now executive directors of Lazard Brothers. Mr J. A. B. Joll and Mr M. J. Roberts. become directors, and Messrs G. G. Bell, T. Cross Brown, J. W. Sillem and J. Wiseman have been made assistant directors of the company. At the end of January Mr E. W. Phillips will retire as an executive director but will remain a director, and in April Mr E. W. T. Barnes will settre and Mr S. H. Wright will leave to take up another appointment.

Mr David Evans is now chairman of Sweet and Maxwell on the resignation of Mr Peter Allsop. Sweet and Maxwell operates as the legal and professional publishing division of Associated Book Publishers (UK). Other responsibilities of Mr Allsop and Mr Evans, on the group board and within the United Kingdom,

and within the United Kingdom, remain unaltered.

Mr P. J. C. Firth is now deputy managing director of Johnson Matthey Bankers, Mr M. J. Olliff-Lee becomes manager, bullion, and Mr A. J. A. Stoppard is now chief dealer, bullion.

Mr Tommaso Zanzotto has been named by American Eventers as named by American Express as senior vice-president to head travel division activities in Europe, Middle East and Africa. Mr Michael Seymour is now finance director of Simon Container Machinery. Mr Ken Prost is now production director and

Mr Peter Horton becomes tech-nical director. Mr Ken Cook has been made managing director of Simon Food Engineers. Dr Ray Taylor is the new technical director of Simon-Vicars.

Mr E. M. Gartner becomes a director and senior exacutive, resident in the United States, of Morgan Grenfell Investment

Professor Sir Samuel Frederick Edwards has joined the board of Lucas Industries. Mr J. J. Righton has retired from the board. Mr R. G. Rickard has joined the board of Usher-Walker. Mr Victor Strachan has joined the board of Rediton Simulation

as commercial director. Mr Nigel D. P. Chamberlaynedeath of Mr Robert S. Landin. Mr John W. F. Holman has be-come chief executive and Mr Gordon Hazzard is now a nonexecutive director.

The chairman of Blumdell-Permoglaze Holdings, Mr Guy Bassett Smith, is to retire at the annual meeting on March 11. He will be succeeded by Mr R. L. White.

Mr David Spilsbury has been made financial director of Century Olls, a post previously held by Mr Alan Greenhalgh, who continues as financial director of Century Olls Group, Mr Spilsbury regime the rost as company secretary to his post as company secretary to Century Oils. Mr Duncan S. Gee is now joint managing director of the Aygee

Mr J. D. Oliver has joined Markon Engineering as director of sales and marketing, Mr V. A. Lilly has joined as director of development, Mr W. E. Hemmings becomes director of finance,

Mr Vohn Kerthaw is the new Mr John Kershaw is the new managing director of James W. Cook & Company (Wiveshoe). He succeeds Mr George Smith, who

has retired.

Mr Nell J. Morrow has been elected as a corporate vice-president by the board of directors of The Singer Company. Mr Morrow is president of the Company's European sewing products division, headquartered in Maidenhead

Mr O. N. Dawson and Mr J. R. Mathias have been made execu-tive directors of F. & C. Manage-Mr Neil Tasker becomes mer-chandise director of E. Upton and

Yearly premiums up 16 pc to £1,860m in 1980

The new yearly premium figures for life assurance and autuities announced by the life associations show an increase in 1980 of 16 per cent to £1,860m, compared with a

17 per cent increase in 1979. Single premiums decreased slightly from £662m to £658m. New sums assured increased by 17 per cent from £51,000m to £59,900m sud new annuities by 11 per cent from £1,510m to £1,758m per There were quite considerable differences between the results reported by individual life offices but, overall; the industries' new

business figures broadly kept up with the rate of inflation experi-enced over the 12-month period. Results announced include: Provident Mutual: Provident Mutual strides into the 1980s with Mutual strides into the 1980s with a most encouraging performance considering economic conditions. In 1980, the new annual premium business for Provident Manual Life Assurance Association increased by 10.7 per cent to £24.4m (from £22.1m) although its single premium business is 3 per cent lower at £9.5m (£9.9m). The 1980 results again confirm the Provident Mutual's position as a leading pensions office with new pension and group life annual premiums increased by 12 per cent to £19.5m (£17.4m) and

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	14%
Barclays	14%
BCCI	14%
Consolidated Crdts.	
C. Hoare & Co	*14%
Lloyds Bank	14%
Midland Bank	14%
Nat Westminster	14%
Rossminster	14%
TSB	.14%
Williams and Glyn's	14%
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NATIONAL WESTMIKSTER BANK LIMITED NOTICE TO PREFERENCE SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a dividend of 2.45p per athare for the half-year ended 31 December, 1980 will be paid on 27 February, 1981 to holders of the Gumulalive Preference Shares registered in the books of the Company at the close of business on 30 January, 1981. By Order of the Board, E. B. CULLEN, Secretary 41 Lothbury. London EC2

13 January, 1981

New Life Business

rate in deferment has been increased to 10.15 per cent compound from 9.00 per cent last year, giving a growth rate on pension funds of 13.73 per cent per aumum compound. A similar underlying growth is available to self-employed pension policies but bonuses are expressed differently to recognize the flexibility of the pension age under this type of contract. Bonuses for these policies have been increased to 9.40 per cent per aunum compound from 8.25 per cent and there is a final bonuses added to age 65.

Royal London Mutual Insurance:

all bonuses added to age 65.

Royal London Mutual Insurance:
Ordinary branch: New annual premiums on policies effected in 1980 amount to a record £5.63m compared with £4.57m in 1979. New sums assured totalled £236.14m net against £157.42m net in 1979. Single premiums and considerations for annuities totalled £224,000 (1979 £353,000). Industrial branch: New annual premiums for 1980. were £7.39m compared with £7.11m in 1979. New sums assured totalled £151.85m net, against £117.32m net in 1979. Special final bonus has been extended to include a further year of entry with effect from January 1, 1981. The rates of bonus for years of entry 1945 and later are increased, whilst rates for earlier years of entry remain unaltered.

remain unaltered.

Sun Life Group: Sun Life Assurance Society Group announces record new business results for 1980 with total new premiums for the group amounting to £74.3m (1979—£63.8m). This comorised annual premiums of £36.1m (£34.4m) and single premiums of £38.2m (£29.4m).

A preaktiown of the figures is set out below:

Pensions business: Pensionsrelated business amounted to new
annual premiums of £26.4m
(£72.9m) and single premiums of
£16.9m (£11.5m). These figures
include the following categories of
business: Group pensions including managed funds: New annual
premiums of £19.0m (£17.2m)
and single premiums of £4.2m
(£3.5m). Non-group pensions,
including executive pensions: New
annual permiums of £5.8m
(£5.1m) and single premiums of
£3.5m (£3.4m). Pensions for the
self-employed: New annual
premiums of £0.5m (£0.7m) and
single premiums of £1.5m (£1.8m).

Provident Manual record bonuses:
Record bonuses have been announced by Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association, made possible by a sustained period of excellent in passurance returns. For the cellent investment returns. For the majority of company and executive pension schemes, the annual bonus rate in deferment bas been in-

M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB . Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

l	High 1986	Low	Company	Price	Ch'se	Divipi	**	P/E
	75	39	Airsprung Group	64		6.7	10.5	5.8
	39	21	Armitage & Rhodes	36	_	1.4	3.8	14.8
Į	192	921	Bardon Hill	189	_	9.7	5.1	7.1
ı	87	46	County Cars Pref	46	. —	7.6	16.5	_
	98	88	Deborah Services	96	_	5.5	5.7	4.8
	126	88	Frank Horsell	117	_	7.9	6.3	3.7
	110	59	Frederick Parker	59		11.0	18.6	2.7
	110	74	George Blair	75	_	3.1	4.1	-
	110	59	Jackson Group	110	_	6.9	6.3	4.2
Į	124	103	James Burrough	121	<u> </u>	7.9.	6.5	9.9
	330	244	Robert Jenkins	330	_	31.3	9.5	_
	53	50	Scruttons 'A'	53	-	5.3	10.0	3.8
	224	216	Torday Limited	219	_	15.1	6.9	3.7
	23	10	Twinlock Ord	131	_	_		_
	90	69	Twinlock 15% ULS	78		15.0	19.2	. —
	56	35	Unilock Holdings	37	_	3.0	8.1	3.8
	102	81	Walter Alexander	102	_	5.7	5.5	5.6
	255	181	W. S. Yeates	253		12.1	4.8	4.1
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BYANDOWNERS

Results have been very satisfactory... our budget for 1981 shows further growth

Extracis from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. A. M. Rosholt.

Last year I anticipated a year of continued growth in 1980 though perhaps not as strong as that of 1979, when group profit after taxation and earnings per share had increased by 50% and 34% respectively. The results for this year have been very satisfactory, with relative increases of 70% and 51%. General business confidence continued to grow

and as a result trading conditions in all divisions were more buoyant than anticipated a year ago.

Turnover increased by 51% to R3,459 million.

Group profit after tax at R343 million exceeded. R300 million for the first time. Attributable earnings improved by 60% to R222 million and represented earnings per share of 179.6 cents. The return on shareholders' funds increased once more, from 22.4% to 26.6% as a result of improved efficiencies. The dividend for the year of 58 cents per share, reflected an increase of 53% over 1979.

The group carries management responsibility for a number of associated gold mining companies, the results of which are not consolidated. If the turnover and profit after taxation of the associated companies were taken into account group turnover would have been R4,407 million and profit after tax R540 million. Our balance sheet remains strong. Shareholders'

funds now total R834 million and interests of outside shareholders have grown to R636 million. The percentage of interest bearing debt to total equity has fallen to 39% and the percentage of total liabilities to equity has remained virtually unchanged.

Acquisitions

The year under review saw the very significant acquisition of a controlling interest in C.G. Smith & Co. Ltd., and its subsidiaries. With effect from 1 October 1980 Barlow Rand has sold its remaining paper interests to C. G. Smith and a scheme of

Profits before tax increased by 63% to R516 million.

reorganisation has been carried out. The outcome is that Barlow Rand now holds 53% in the reconstituted C. G. Smith Group. The initial acquisition of control in C. G. Smith had a considerable effect upon our balance sheet and profit figures although no significant effect this year upon our earnings per share.

Frankfurt Listing

We have over the years raised foreign loans and it was suggested that if we should require finance from European capital markets in the future it would be advantageous to be listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. As a result a consortium led by Commerzbank A.G., and including Deutsche Bank A.G., Dresdner Bank A.G. and Berliner Handels-und Frankfurter Bank, sponsored our Listing in Frankfurt on 19 June 1980.

The South African economy

1980 has been a year of strong economic growth and business conditions have been very favourable. A consistently high gold price has produced a very healthy balance of payments situation, which in turn has greatly strengthened the country's finances and liquidity. The mining sector has continued to prosper, particularly in coal exports. The country had a good agricultural year. There has been a considerable increase in consumer demand brought about by a mildly stimulatory budget and substantial salary and wage increases

to all sections of the population. Business confidence has improved as the government has taken the first steps in implementing its policy of limiting government sector expenditure and of increasing the private sector share of the economy.

This confidence has been marked by significant new private sector investment as excess manufacturing capacity has been used up. It is currently estimated that the growth in gross domestic product for 1980 will exceed 7% which is substantially higher than was predicted a year ago.

Prospects

Prospects for our group in the year ahead will to a large extent mirror the national economy. They will also be standing comparison with two very strong performances in 1979 and 1980 in which our earnings per share doubled from 88.6c to 179.6c. Our order books are satisfactory and business continues to be very good. However, the ferro-alloy and stainless steel manufacturing division, which had an outstanding year in 1980, faces very difficult conditions in the generally depressed state of the world steel industry, and must expect strongly reduced earnings. On balance, our budget for 1981 shows further growth but certainly not at the 1980 rate.

Group confidence is reflected in the heavy capital expenditure programme to which we are committed, which hopefully will help solve the very serious unemployment problem. The industrial division will be spending R288 million over the next three years. The mining division's commitments are for R530 million over the next five years. The R818 million expenditure will be funded from loan facilities already arranged, retained earnings and the recent ERPM rights issue.

We are confident that these capital programmes. our very active diversified base of existing operations and our strong human and financial resources, will ensure continued growth in earnings for the group and increasing dividends for our shareholders.

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Year end 30 September	1980	1979	1978 millions	1977	1976
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Barlow Rand Limited is a South African company and the parent of a large group which operates in southern Africa, the United Kingdom, U.S.A. and the continent of Europe.

Its business is the management, control and development of the group's mining,



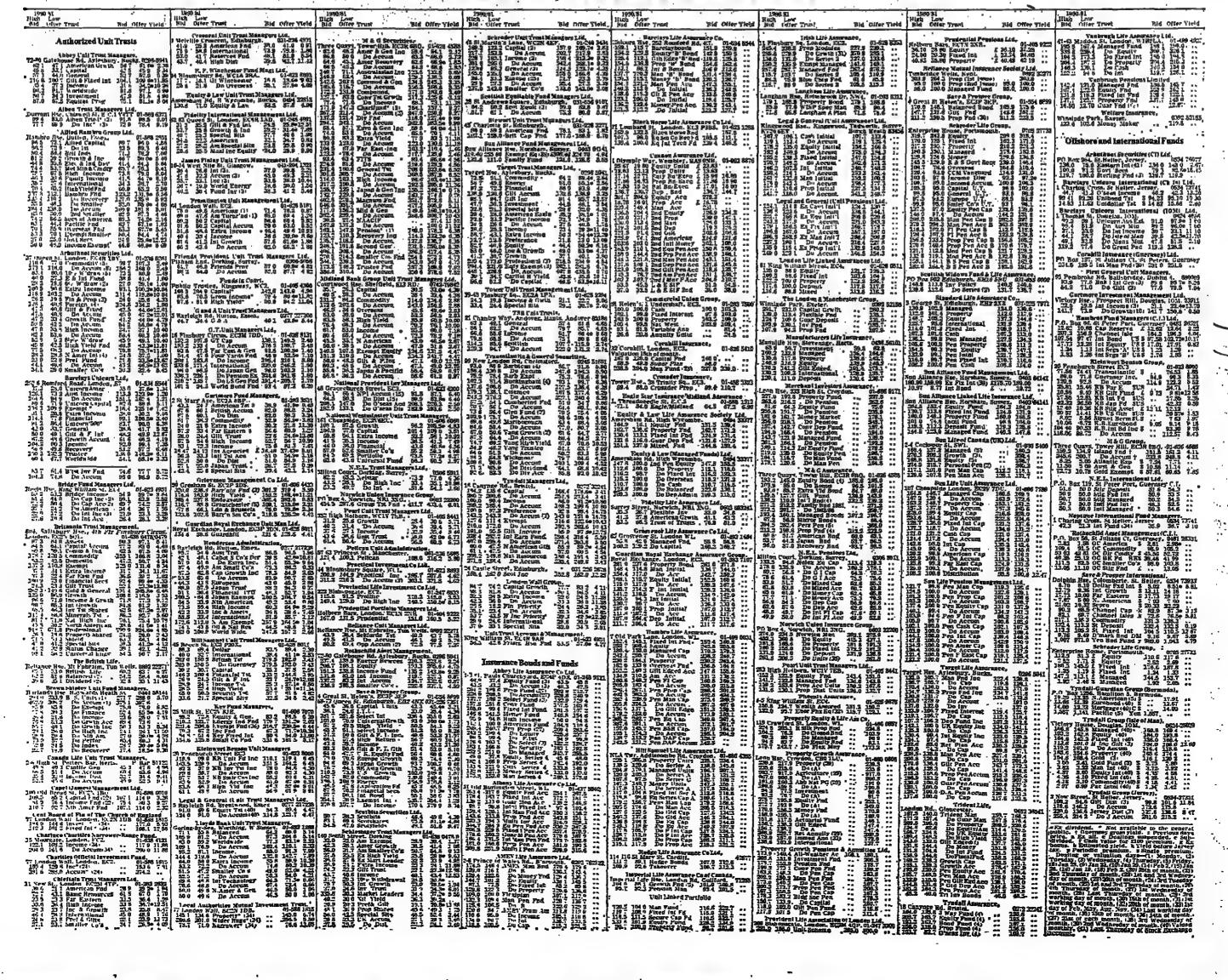
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manufacturing, distribution, agricultural, property and other interests. The group employs 191,000 people and its shares are listed and quoted on the stock exchanges in Johannesburg, London, Paris, Frankfurt, Brussels, Antwerp and Salisbury.

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Sales, nil formes, Singapore iin ex- works foll by 36 cents yesterday to	MILLING FEED FEED WHEAT BARLEY WHEAT WHEAT BARLEY CIDI. 20 62-60. See 100.70 E96-60. W. Midlands S. C. 2100.70 E96-60.	Market rates Market rates (day stange) (close) Tenuary 13 January 13 I month 3mon	Merkets	663, Digital Equipment 1 to 34.	Boeing 414 415 Inland Steel 281 281 Stevens J. P. 125 135 Bosis Cascade 384 284 IRM 664 665 Stevens J. P. 125 135 Sunbeam Corp 187 29 In: Revester 284 284 In: Revester 285 284 In: Revester 285 285 Sunbeam Corp 187 29
LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash C202-305 per tonne: three months.	S. East	New York \$2,3850-3920 January 13 I month 3mon New York \$2,3850-3920 \$2,3880-3880 1,25-1,35c disc 2,70-2 New York \$2,3850-3920 \$2,3880-3880 1,00-1,10c disc 2,15-2	30c disc Australia 2.0125-2 0335 • 30c disc Pahrein 0.8925-0.9015	Texas Instruments 1 to 1161, Prime Computer 2 to 35 and Rolm	Borr Warner 424 43 INCO 194 205 Sun Seam Corp 151 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25
ERAP was stready. Afternoon —Cash C-92-303 per tonne: three months, C-21-50-315. Sales, 1,600 tonnes. Morning.—Cash C-01-302: three months. £313,50-314.00. Settlement £202.00, Sales, 6,550 tonnes.	MEAT COMMISSION: Average faisinch prices at representative markets on Jan prices at representative markets on Jan	Montreil 52.839-940 52.84-1941 24-14-prem 65-Sr Amster lam 5.177-2051 76.75-851 21-11-prem 67-Sr Brussels 76.60-77.051 76.75-851 21-11-prem 47-370	r prem Finland 9 2040-9.2440 prem Greece 110.25-112.25	to 41, 52; Roneywell rose 1; to	Burilagion and 184 19 Irving Rank 484 485 Tease East Corp 7112 182 Retroughs 514 514 Jan Watter 36 393 Tease East Corp 7112 182 Retroughs 514 514 Jim Watter 304 302
£202.00, Sales, 6,550 tonnes. ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash,	(+ 1.94; UK: Sheep, 134,91p ner kg	Copenhatten 14.65-72k 14.68-69k 230-45orc prem par-11 Dublin 1.2760-2820p 1.2780-90p 11p prem-2p disc 27-11p Product: 4.76-80m 4.771-783-m 24-14pf prem 67-54	Sore prem Hangkong 12,3210-12,3510 prem Iran not evallable of prem Kuwatt 0,6475-0,6505	Some of the ells were firmer again. Active Atlantic Richfield	Age
Zinc was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, 2335-357.50 per jouno, three months, 2316-345.50 Sales, 1,350 tournes, Norming.—Cash £325-351.00; three months £345-346, Settlement, £331.00, Sales, 6,950 tournes.	Wales: Cattle nos. up 2.7 per cent.	Dublin 12:00-200 4771-785m 23-13pf prem 89-517 13:00 127:10-128:90e 123:50-70e 15-70c disc 20-17 13:00 13:00-70e 15-prem-40c disc 145-23	e disc Malaysia 5 2935-5.3235 de disc MeMeu 55,00-56,59	added to 62, Exxon 1, to 791, Mobil 1, to 791 and Union Oil of	Calares 554 559 Karser Alumin 30; 254 773 veters Corp 40; 40; Celanese 544 554 Kennecult 364 254 773 veters Corp 40; 40; 40; Central Soya 16 16 Kern Stoffe 714 718 1rc 534 545 545 545 545 545 545 545 545 545
1-LATTNUM Was at \$2,63 00 (\$554.00)	N. West E107.00 — £76.30 N. West E107.00 — £76.30 prices at representative markets on Jan 13 GB: Cattle B4.389 ner ks it is in the second of t	Madrid 192.30-193.00p 192.60-70p 15c prem-40c disc 145-23 Milan 2267-72h 22697-80 hr 22-44 hr disc 154-18 Osto 12.37-41k 12.387-39-2 425-275 pre prem 1035-8	Airdisc New Zealand 2 4790-2.4990 80ore prem Saudi Arabia 7 9365-7.9685	California : 10 41	Chest Bank NY 47 466 K Mart 195 20th Union Carbide 552 555 Chest Bank NY 47 466 K Mart 195 20th Union Oil Calif 412 405
a trey ounce. SILVER was steady.—Buillon market Itsiag levels;.—Spot, 626.55p for	ave price 85.05p / +1.47; Sheep nos. up 24.8 per cent. ave. price.	Paris 11.03-081 11.05-061 4-3c prem 73-69, Stockholm 10.56-62k 10.594-604k 365-460ore disc 1110-1	c prem Singapore 4.9530-5.0130 205ore disc South Africa 1.7530-1.7930 by prem	US commodities	Chrysler 34 25 LTV Corp 157 164 Cn Pacific Corp 71 Chrysler 244 25 Litton 80 817 Chieval 62 8
SILVER was steady.—Buillon market living levels1.—Spot. 626.559 fer troy cance (United States conts cours leaf. 1.496.201; three months, 648.059 (1.566.10c); six months, 671.309 (1.630.40c); one year, 716.000 (1.729 ffer. Landon, Mod.	per cent, ave. price, 64 749 (-5 25).	Tokyo 483.90 484,-8513 355-2855 prem 755-85 Vienna 33.70-95sch 33.75-80sch 0.09-0.06gru prem 25-21g Zurich 4.31-35f 4.32-33f 4-3c prem 94-84	or prem cprem	five cents at the cluse. Floor brokers i note: the the market has caused on a crulent season; the of \$15.00 an ounce	Clark Equip 334 334 Lucky Starts 147 151 US Industries 52 54. Coca Cula 754 357 Manuel Hanover 37 357 US Steel 247 247 Cocate 155 15 Mapes 414 415 US Technol 554 354 355
671.200 (1.630.40c); one year, 716.00p (1.742.00c), Lundon Metal Exchange,—Afternoon,—Cash, 6,25.5—	POTATOES (Galta): Fcb., no trades: April, 263,60: Nov. 253,50. Sales: 84 lots (of 40 tonnes each).	Effective exclusing rate compared to December 21, 1971 was 79.3%. unit	banged.	which, if trocen, might proper a rupid decline to year ago lows. The patricular full form agentical at \$15.55	BS 4712 Marathon Oil 70 684 Wachovia 19 7E7 Columbia Gas 384 384 Marine Midland 172 173 Weile Farko 284 272 Combustion Eng 404 404 Marine Marinetta 674 685 Weile Farko 284 273
71.20p (1.630.40c); one year, 716.00p (1.742.00c), Lundon Mebil Exchange, Arternoon, Cash, 6.25.6-627.5p); three months, 647-647.tip, Sales, 64 lots of 10,000 frey ounge each. Morning, Cash, 628.5-630.5p; three months, 650-652 Or. Settlement, 650 Sp. Sales, 64 lots of the settlement.	EGGS (The London Egg Exchange); Home-produced: A stoady demand with supplies of most sizes available and some discounts being taken to clear.		ng	an ounce after finding support for the second day at \$15.05.—Jan, 1.78.00c;	Cliries Service 444 435 Lockneed 504 314 Called Brands 15; 15; Called Brands 15; 15; Colorate 154 354 Lucky Stores 147; Colorate 155 15; Mappe 37; 27; Mappe 147; Colorate 156 15; 15 15; Mappe 147; Colorate 156 157; Mappe 157; Mapp
three months, 650-652 Or. Settlement, 630 Sp., Sales, 64 lots.	some discounts being taken to clear. Imported: Prices have eased due to holiday build-up in supplies. Ilone-produced market prices (in Spec 120 based on trading packer)	Indices Dollar Spot	Money Market	1535.CO: \27, 1577.CO: 1817. 1603.CO:1650.CO: Sen. 1665.CO:	Cons Edison 24k 249 Merck 844 855 Weyerlaufer 3 344 Cons Foods 24k 249 Unnemba May 62 614 White Moor 24 25 Cons Power 17s 17s 140 Mobil On 794 28 White Moor 24 28
Cash, £604,50-605,50 per tonne; three months, £605-605,50, Sales,	Home-produced market prices (In Special 120, based on trading packer, first-hand)	Etankof Morgan Bagland Guaranty Tadex Changes RETECS	Rates .	Sitver futures held mare nel gains of five cents at the class. Floor brokers noted that the marks has caused on a critical support time of \$15,00 an ounce which, it broken, might brigger a rapid decline in year ago lows. The patricular future futures yested at \$15.55 an ounce after finding support for the second dec. of \$15.05,—148, 1.48,00c. Second dec. of \$15.05,—148, 1.48,00c. 1635.00c; Var. 1575.00c; July 1622.00c; July 1576.60c; Sept. 1635.00c; July 1876.60c; Sept. 1991.00c.	Commuta Gas 384 Marine Midland 1712 174 Warner Lambert 215 22 25 West in Sancorp 304 374 Marine Midland 1712 176 682 West in Sancorp 304 375 Marine Midland 1712 176 682 West in Sancorp 304 375 McDonneil 44 444 444 445 West in Sancorp 304 375 Merck 384 385 West in Sancorp 304 375 Merck 384 385 West in Sancorp 304 375 Merck 384 385 West in Sancorp 305 375 West in Sa
ALUMINIUM was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £604,50-606,50 per tonner, three months, £625-625,50, Sales, 5,75 tomos, Morning.—Cash, £625-623,000, three months, £625-623,000, Settlement, £604,00, Sales, 4,430 tomos	Brown Wed Thur/Fri Mon/Tues 18 5.60 to 8.89 4.90 to 5.10 28 5.00 to 5.15 4.90 to 5.10 34 4.70 to 4.50 4.66 to 4.80 4.50 to 4.50 4.60 to 4.80	G	Bank of England MLR 14' o	GOLD feitures were CHICAGO IVM: hard, 66:2.70; Jane, 86:5.20; July 86:5.70; June, 86:5.20; July 86:5.30; Sett, 870:4.90; Oct, 8712 20; Dec. 8725 50; Jan. 8733.70; March, 8733.60; March, 86:6.10, NY COMEN. Jan. 8731.70; Feb. 86:6.10, NY COMEN. Jan. 8731.70; Feb. 86:6.10, NY COMEN. Jan. 8731.70; Feb. 86:6.30; June, 8731.80; June, 8731.30; Oct. 86:70.00; Oct. 86:70.70; Oct. 86:70;	Commuta Gas 384 Marin Marinta 172 174 682 West Fargo 284 275 Marin Marinta Gas 682 Marin Marinta Gas 682 Marin Marinta Gas 683 Marin Marinta Gas 684 McDonnell 44 444 444 445 McDonnell 44 446 Mc
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NICREL was standy, quiet.—Afternoon,—Cash, £2,715,2715 for forner three months, £2,700-2,705. Sales, 72 tonnes, Morning.—Cash, £2,700-2,705. Settlement, £2,720, Sales, 114 tonnes, £2,720, Sales, £2,720, Sales, £3,720, Sales, £3,720, Sales, £4,720, S	White 5.20 to 5.50 5.10 to 5.20 to 5.60 4.80 to 4.95 36 4.50 to 4.80 4.50 to 4.95 4.30 to 4.30	Schilling 146.3 .+22.0 Denmark 6.1450-6.1500 Belgian franc 111.0 +10.7 West Germany 1 9998-2.0003		lan, \$552 76; Feb, \$564,00:366.00; Morch, \$573.56; April, \$580.50- 522.00; June, \$594,50:345.50; Aug.	Derrick Kraft 44 Adv Nat Steel 254 255 251 245 255 2
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72.90-73.10; July-Sept, 75.90-75.10; Oct-Dec. 78.90-79.00. Sales, seven at tive tonnes each and 358 at 15 tonnes cach.	14 5.40 to 5.50	11ra 49.9 -52.9 Sueden 4.4325-4.4375 Yen 145.0 +42.1 Japan 203.00-203.20	"Treasury Bills (Dict.)	COPPER fatures finished a largely feature ess trade with prices below days high, up to 0.75 to 0.95 cent.	Eastman Kodak 715 115 Pegnov J. C. 248 245 Imason 30/2 31 Edin Lorp 72 256 Pennaul 454 455 Imperial Oil 33/4 33 Ef Pago Nat Gas 244 225 Pennaul 454 455 Int Pice 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150
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61 50: March, 61.50-61.75.	range is a quide to general market conditions and is dependent upon loca- tion, quantity and whether dollvered	from Washington agreement Preland quoted in US currency, (Bank of England Index 100). + Canada \$1 : US \$0.8401-0.3404	Prime Bank Buls (Disc) Trades (Disc)	83.73*: Frs. 23.83; March 26.63 85.76: May 83.33 81.56: July 61.63-0: Co: Sept. 93.35c: Dec.	Extract 30 312 Phelips Dodge 344 35 Reval Trus: 204 20 Extract 207 214 Phillips Horris 465 466 467 Extract 207 208 207 Fed Dept Stores 314 31 Firestone 106 106 106 107 Firestone 106 107 107 Firestone 107 107 For Chicago 107 107 For Chicago 108 107 Firestone 108 107 For Chicago 108 107 For Chicago 108 107 For Chicago 108 108 Firestone 10
Soil 57:00-58:00 Cfr a Feb, 61:00- 61:50: March, 61:50-61:75: COFFEE_ROBUSTAS 18 per tonnes: Jan, 1032-1040: March, 1056-1072: Alay, 1069-1070: July, 1076-1072: Sept, 1089-1072: Nov. 1091-10/4; Jan, 1090-1100 Sales; 8.644 lots,	or not.	(Bank of England Index 100). †Conada \$1 : US \$0,8401-0.8404	2 months 13 ² x-12 ³ 3 months 14 ³ 3 months 13 ³ x-13 ³ 4 months 14 ⁴ 4 months 13 ³ x-13 ⁵ 6 months 13 ³ c	depen highs, up to 0.75 to 0.95 cent. Thade was moderate and steady as Warrh settled 0.70 cent below highs at \$6.60 cent. Jan. 82.75 cent. 92.75 cent. Jan. 82.75 cent. 92.75 cent. Jan. 101.75 cent. Jan. 1	Firestone 189 100; PPG Ind 400 400; Walker Buram 500 300; Pri Chicago 169 17 Proctor Gambia 700 100 VCT 150 VCT 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150
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June, 146 09-48,00, Aug. 147,00-46,00; 49,00; Oct, 149,00-50,00; Dec.	Ivory Coast	ECU currency & change & change divergency central; sgainst from central squisted? hmlt.c	Local Authority Bonds 15-15-15-15 months 14-14-14-	rativ from maximum 1,00-cent for- hacks, visich, 30,05-30,25c; May, 50,75-30,00c; laby, 50,05-30,00c;	Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot trials, 935.19 (963.77); transported series (2.3965); three months, tation 387.13 (535.34); utilities
148.00-50.00: Feb. 148.00-50.00; Sales: Ni.	cocoa sales	Helgian franc - 39,7897 41.4533 +4.18 +0.78 1.53	1 month 15-15-2 7 months 14-14-2 2 months 15-15-3 8 months 14-14-3 8 months 14-14-4 4 months 14-14-14 10 months 14-14 5 months 14-14-14 11 months 14-14-14 6 months 14-14-3 12 months 13-13-3	Seet, 29,05c; Oct. 28 90c; Jan. 26 10c 5.4-25,50c esked; March, 26,10c; May,	\$2,4195 (2,4195); Canadian dollar 112.49 (112.55), 65 \$60685, 203.52 \$1.1870 (1.1896).
metric ton: March, 852-54; May, 877-78; July, 901-03; Seol, 924-23;	Cocoa sales by the Ivory Coast at £20 to £25 a tonne	Danish krone 7.7236 7.91578 +2.49 -0.91 1.64 German D-mark 2.48208 2.57256 +3.65 +0.25 1.125	5 months 14-14-11 months 14-14 6 months 14-14-14 12 months 13-13-13-13-13-13-13-13-13-13-13-13-13-1	COTTON lowers closed with pared	The Dow Jones spot commodity. New York Stock Exchange index, index and available (443.66). 76.35 (76.52); industrials 85.28
SUGAR,—The London daily price of	below Ghana prices caused trad-	German D-mark 2.48208 2.57256 +3.65 +0.25 1.125 French franc 5.84700 5.96006 +1.93 -1.47 1.3557 Dutch guilder 2.74362 2.79775 +1.97 -1.43 1.513 Irish punt 0.668201 0.69833 +3.39 -0.01 1.665 Itulian lira 1157.79 1225.31 +5.63 +2.43 4.08		and oil 0.55c to 0.15c in piler reprises March 91.55c May, 95.10c:	The futures index was not avail- ble (467.21). (73.56): utilities, 33.44 (38.61); The Dow Jones averages.—Indus- financial, 70.56 (71.23).
the whites price was \$21.00 lower at 5500. Futures /C per tonne):	ing in London to slip at one stage yesterday to the lowest.	Italian lira 1157.79 1225.31 +5.63 +2.43 4.08	Secondary Mkt. ECD Rutes (%) 1 month 13's-13'4 6 months 13's-13'44 3 months 14's-14'4 12 months 15'1e-13'44	CETTOH journes closed with parted only of O.See in soot Warrh at 91.97c and oil 0.55c in oilse in other restays warrh, 91.55c May, 05.10c; late, 81.70c; 0c; 87.55c, May, 05.10c; 21.70c; 0c; 87.55c, 486.00c; May, 95.50 bid-87.00c against	The Dow Jones averages.—Indus- financial, 70.66 (71.23).
97.00: Aug. 288.50-89.00: Oct. 27.775-80.00: Jan. 257.00-60.00;	price since October, 1976. At	t changes are for the ECU therefore positive change denotes were	Local Authority Market (C)	COCOA jutures settled 543 to 559 weeker. March , 51.965-1.923; Mar.	selling nearby spreading accounted for 050,00 asked; Doc. 251.50; Jan. old Crop weakness relative to new 253.00 bid-254.00 asked.
March, 255.00-56.00; May, 252.00- 56.00; Sales; 11,323 Lets, Tone; 66.00; ISA prices (Jan 12); Saliv.	the end of the day, March cocoa closed £8 down at £853.	• adjusted for sterling's weight in the ECU, and for the lira's wide divergence limits.	2 days 14 3 months 14's 5 months 14 1 month 14's 1 year 13's	COCOA intures settled 543 to 558 weeker. Murch, \$1,963-1,925; May, \$2,000-2,025; Ser., \$2,000-2,025; Ser., \$2,000-2,025; Dec., \$2,131-2,130; Murch, \$2,200-2,192;	Narch, 834-820 c; May, 853 -846c; CHICAGO GRAINS. Wheat futures laty, 877-865 c; Aug. 874-865c; closed up 1 10 34 cents a bushel.
BOYABEAN MEAL was slightly caster (C per 100ne) - Feb. 131.60-132.00:	After last week's remarks by	Adjustment calculated by The Times.	Interbank Market (%)	COFFEE futures closed a moderately	Bets. 887-887'c: Nov. 887-888C: Jan. Three settled near in mode of a 885-876c SOYABEAN OIL ended down b's cent tange. Corn times limited down be not the bottom down be never be not been by better the pottom.
April, 135,19-155,50; June, 156,20- 176,50; App. 137,00-157,90; Oct. 158,00-153,10; Dec. 153,00-155,50;	the Ivory Coast that it intends	Euro-\$Deposits Gold	Overnight: Open 134-1312 Close 13 1 week 14-134 6 months 14-1304	CDFFEE Interes closed a moderalniv schee session below day, highs, holding on it sales, of 1.94 rents in 500 March at 105.59 cents and of 1.76 rents in 500 march at 105.59 cents and of 1.76 rents rents at 150.59 cents and of 1.76 rents rents rents. The 150.59 cents are constant to 5.00 rents r	of a 0.23c range, Jan 24.75- tage. Fitces soliton near the bottom 51.78c; March 25.48-25.45c; May, of a 4c range with most contracts 52.55-26.30c; July 27.10c; Aug. posting Galus. WHEAT.—March, 502-
Trb. 133 50-138.00. Sales: 183 tots, WOOL - NZ Crescheds, No 2 control.	to renegotiate the International Cocoa Agreement, Ghana radio	(6) cally 196-204; seven days. Gold fixed; am, \$568 (an ounce		RI. 153.59c Vay. 156 05c; July. 187.05c; Sept. 138,50c; Dec.	27.35c: Sept. 27.50 bid-27.55c asked 495'sc: Mar. 511's-505'sc: July 501'- Oct. 27.75c: Dec. 28.00 bid-28.05c 495'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530- material: 28.00 bid-28.05c asked 495'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530- sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's asked 523'sc: Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 530's Sept. 513's-507'sc: Dec. 513's-507'sc: De
March 333-357; May, 357-365; Aby, 58-3-2; Oct 372-375; Dec 378-381;	has reported Accra's support for endorsement by the Cocoa	20-20 z one month 197-20 z three months, 187-19; six months, 1771	3 First Class Finance Houses (Mkl. Rate(b)	156.50C. Mar 82, 163.90C: May,	March, 08.20 bid-18.30c asked, SOYA- BEAN MEAL rell \$4.10 to \$0.50 a lon. Book, \$77,-\$75r; Dec. \$714,-\$77.
Safes: M.O.: Feb., 148,000.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00	Producers' Alliance of the agreement.	Sovereigns (new): \$143-145 (559.7	5- Finance House Base Rate 1512%	CHICAGO SOYA BEANS, Futures ensed on the low side of a 13% cont range, down 10% to 3% cents a bushel. Local buying of back month/	selling nearby spreading accounted for old Crop weakness relative to new crop SyABEANS. 12n, 1811-7-96; 131.0-196; 131.0-
Canadian western red spring, unquoted,	and a company			Busher. Local buying of back month/	Dahr 803-0n-893-90.
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Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds



Stock Exchange Prices

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Bargain homes in the January'sales'

Post-Christmas blues is a phenomenon well known in the residential property market. Once people have recovered from. the festive season the real winter weather sets in and few people actively search for a new home.

Yet perhaps this is the time of year when would-be purchasers should don wellingtons and raincoats and search for a bargain or two. After all, January is the traditional sales month in stores across the country.

It seems Chesshire Gibson & Co, the Birmingham agents, have entered into the spirit of sale time with a delightful Queen Anne hall in the Midlands near Lichfield. Known as Swinfen Hall the sighteenth continued. Hall, the eighteenth-century mansion which has 112 rooms is on the market through the agents for a mere £85,000.

Built in 1755, the estate was bought by a member of the Swinfen family early in the last century for £19,030 and remained with the Swinfens until just after the last war.

Since then it has changed hands twice and remained largely unused, although the agents point out it is still in good condition despite a shortage of occupants over the past few

Splendid as Swinfen Hall un-doubtedly is, the cost of running and maintaining such a home would be enormous in its present

With this in mind, Chesshire Gibson say Swinfen would be suitable for a variety of uses, subject, naturally, to the appropriate planning permission.



The 320-acre Whitehouse sporting estate in Herefordshire has been sold through Humberts, and Russell Baldwin & Bright for around £250,600.

Set in 4.5 acres of grounds, the hall has good access to Lichfield, Birmingham city centre, Birmingham airport and the National Exhibition Centre. It may prove to be an attractive proposition to a developer with a view to converting Swinfen

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There is no doubt that the main house at the heart of the estate is certainly unusual. In the words of one agent it has an almost Jekyll and Hyde appearance. The main house actually consists of two houses joined together. At the front is a large Georgian property consisting of three main reception rooms and six bedrooms, while the Elizabethan house at the rear has two. receptions an othree bedrooms. But the real attraction of the estate is the 320-acre sporting grounds in which it is set. In-cluded in the estate are three let farms producing £3,280 a year income, in hand forestry, fishing and shooting over 590 acres. The farming element of the estate is

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Eileen Atkins in Sons and Lovers (BBC 2, 9.25).

• I was constantly reminded, as I watched part one of Trevor Griffiths's dramatization of Sons and Lovers (BBC 2, 9.25) that the best thing an adaptor can do when transferring D. H. Lawrence to another medium is to do as little as possible. It is permissible, because of nint-and-quart-pot consideration, to rearrange a sequence of events. It is not a criminal act to point up situations which, deprived of Lawrence's sinewy narrative. may need visual amplification. After that, Lawrence should be left alone: he has written perfectly serviceable film scripts without suspecting it, and Mr Griffiths is to be congratulated on his minimal meddling with Sons and Lovers. Tom Bell's thick Nottinghamshire accent apart, there is little to fault, much to praise, in tonight's scene-setting instalment. I have rarely seen drunkenness more realistically portrayed than in Mr Bell's Walter Morel, and Eileen Atkins, as Mrs Morel, makes the woman's domestic agony very moving indeed. There are of course, only token hints in this opening episode, of the avalenche of mother love that is to engulf poor Paul.

@ When the Bough Breaks (BBC 2, 6.55) belongs to that category of programme, offputtiogly classified as community television, which chugs along without any fuss, bother or publicity, and leaves the world a better place to live in. The effect of these 10 films on the next generation is incakulable at this stage, but one assumes it will be considerable because the films are about parents who fear that their inability to cope with their children will leave sears all round. Tonight's film explains how a mother who had a traumatic relationship with her five-year-old daughter learnt how to live more happily with her thanks to the advice she received from a family centre in Brighton.

9 It never rains. . . When the Bough Breaks is not the only example of community television on BBC 2 tonisht. Sixteen Up (6.00), which attracted much attention last week with its film about feenagers and the law, tonight deals with teenagers who still live at home. Then, at 7.10, in Grapevine the former MP Helene Hayman, who always struck me as being ideal television material, presents an item on old age pensioners and the killing cold of winter.

@ Let me plot your day's radio listening for you : Begin with Mozart's piano concerto No 17 (Andras Schiff and the City of Birmingham SO) on Radio 3, 11.10 am ; then Woman's Hour from the National Theatre (interviews with Sir Peter Hall, Felicity Kendali) on Radio 4, 2.02; Malcolm Musgeridge looking through his Sussex window (Radio 4, 3.50); the late Alvar Lidell narrating. a documentary about the BBC's monitoring service during the last war (Radio 4, 7.45); and Roy Jenkins talking to Michael Charlton

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BBC 1

12.45 pm News. And weather 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: The different types of heliday avail-able at home and abroad for disabled people. Also, a wellknown personality prepares some-thing tasty in the kitchen; 1.45 Trumpton: Brian Cant tells the story of Miss Lovelace and the Mayor's Hat (r). Closedown at

2.00. 3.25 Delia Smith's Cookery Course: Making Cakes (r), 3.55
Play School: Marion Walter's
story Make a Bigger Puddle, Make
a Smaller Warm, with her own illustrations. 4.20 Laurel and Hardy: Trasic

Magic. An American cartoon. For the genuine model, see BBC 2 at 5.40; 4.25 Jackanory: Bernard Holley reads part 3 of Joan Eadington's Jonny Briggs and the Great Razzle-Dazzle. 4.40 Take Bart : New series, with Tony Hart, Including the animated paint-pot family The Tin-Pots, and

10.20 am Gharbar : For Asign

women viewers. A magazine pro-

11.00 Play School: The same as

BBC 1. 3.55. Closedown at 11.25.

5.40 pm Laurel and Hardy: Ne

and My Pal (1933) The jigsaw puzzle which Stanley gives to

Oliver as a wedding present so

absorbs them that the nuptials never take place. James Flinlayson

6.00 Sixteen Up : Second film in

this new series for reenagers. The

pressures on youngsters who have

to live at home as they become

independent adults. Girl students

at a school act out the conflicts.

6.25 The Master Game: Second

chess game in the BBC's Master

9.30 am The Masterbuilders : The extraordinary achievements of that

(See Personal Choice.)

THAMES

ramme. Closedown at 10.45.

BBC 2

the art of picture-making, using Also weather forecast. everything from salt and twigs to ping-pong balls; 5.00 John Craven's Newsround; min-newsreel for the younger viewer, but intelligent adults are not excluded.

5.05 The Strange Affair of Adelaide Harris: Episode 3 of Adelaide Harris:

Leon Garfield's story, adapted by Robin Miller. Set in an academy for young gentlemen.

5.40 News: with Kenneth Kendall;

5.55 Natioquide: regional variations until 6.20, when the programme goes on the whole net-

6.55 Triangle : Episode 4 Luanshya Greer's drama serial about a fictional shipping line. A suicide note from a passenger. With Kate O'Mara, Michael Craig. 7.20 Film: Beneath the Twelve Mile Reef (1953) Underwater drama about sponge divers and the dangers they encounter. With Gilbert Roland and Robert Wagner as father and son. Also starring Terry Moore, Director: Robert D. 9.00 News: with Jan Leeming.

thoughts of the players as they

family centre in Brighton, and the

kind of help it offers to parents

who cannot cope with their chil-

dren. With John Thaw, (See Per-

7.10 Grapevine : New series begins.

These are social action pro-

grammes, about people who organize things for themselves, break through red tipe, speak up. The presenter is former MP Helene Hayman. There is also a report

on the Government's Community Enterprise Programme, And there

is the weekly feature in which information is exchanged.
7.40 News: With sub-titles for the

hard of hearing.
7.50 Just a Lit of Paper: The auction for the famous British Guiana one cent black on magenta

6.55 When the Bough Breaks

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9.25 Sportsmight : The best action from one of tonight's Cup-football marches. Also, Eric Bristow battles to retain his title

Marie Rambert about Diaghiley. We also see Pavlova dance The Dving Swan, and Dame Margor herself is partnered by Mikhail Baryshnikov in a sequence from Petrushka (r). 9.00 MrA*S*H: Hawkeye (Alan

Alda) meets his match when a beautiful Swedish doctor (Mariette Hartley) arrives to observe combat surgery. Korea war comedy. Sons and Lovers: First episode of Trevor Griffiths's episode of Trevor Gritinis's adaptation of the D. H. Lawrence novel about the rocky paths that love sometimes has to travel. With Eileen Atkins and Tom Bell as the ill-suited Morels (see Personal

10.20 International Darts: The first two quarter finals in the Embassy World Professional Chem-pionship. From the Jollens Club, Stoke-on-Trent. More at 11.30. 10.45 Newsnight: The day's news and detailed analysis of the main

stories. 11.36 International Darts : Back to Stoke-on-Trent. Transmission ends

master engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel (r): 9.55 Up and Away: the art we deserve. 10.40 Story Hour: The Rocking Chair Rebellion. 11.25 A Big Country : Documentary about Australia's for the present. With Gordon Honeycombe and Jane Rossington

Game Trophy. Rubert Byrne, of the United States, plays Visstimit Hort of Czechoslovakia, Expert She visits Tchaikovsky's house analysis is provided by William outside Moscow, and talks to Dome

Documentary about Australia's Snowy Mountain hydro-electric scheme (r).

11.55 Dick Tracy: Cartoon. Flea Ring Circus; 12.00 Cloppa Casile: Medieval puppet story. It is called The Good Ship Ethelbruda (r); 12.10 pm Rainbow: The story of Old King Cole, and the tale of Merry the Clown, told by Geoffrey Hayes. Geoffrey Hayes. 12.30 About Britain : Water Under the Bridge. The Forth and Clyde-Canal has fallen into disuse, but Daniel Brittsin takes a trip along

Daniel Brittsin takes a trip along it none the less.

1.00 News; 1.20 Thames News;
1.30 Crown Count: The Crown of Life. The jury decides in the case of a woman (Gabrielle Daye) charged with causing her paralysed husband bodily harm.

2.00 After Noon Plus: A progress report on two sisters who, to try

and lose weight, have each had their jaws wired together. They are living only on liquid foods. 2.45 Fentasy Island: American hokum, set on an isle where dreams are sometimes made to come the Wich Ricardo Montal. 5.45 Definition : Last programme

iving the quiz contestants a elping hand. 15 Watch It | A cartoon about Dr Snuggles, the inventor; 4.20 Ruparound: Special edition of the Mike Reid show, in which Metal Mickey, the robot takes part. Items on the cinema, music and deep sea diving; 4.45 Brendon Chase: Serial about three runaway brothers biging in a forest From.

brothers, living in a forest. From the Book by BB. 5.15 Gambit: General knowledge 5.15 Gammit: General Knowledge quiz, conducted by Fred Dineage. It is based on the game of pon-toon; 5.45 News; 6.00 Thames area news, 6.25 Help! A plea for an improved system for allocating benefits: and allowances for the. disabled.

7.00 This is Your Life. Another of Eamonn Andrews's mini-biographies, in which there is much gasping, kissing and clap-ping; 7.30 Coronation Street: ping; 7.30 Coronation Street; Hilda Ogden takes a mysterious telephone message for Rita Fair-clough—and promises to keep the secret. And will Mike Baldwin cash Fred Gee's £130 cheque ? as a rea cee's 1130 cheque?

8.00 Max: Max Bygraves in a variety show. His guests include the late Yootha Joyce, Arthur English and the versatile Jon

9.00 Wolcott : Episode 2 of this thriller about a black policeman in north London. Racial warfare ends in the spilling of blood. 10.00 News; 10.30 Film: Where's Jack? (1968) Period adventure jack? (1968) Period adventure comedy drama about Jonathan Wild (Stanley Baker), the notorious 18th century thief taker and Jack Sheppard (Tommy Steele), the locksmith's assistant who is the victim of Wild's treachery. Also starring Alan Badel, Fiona Lewis. Director: James Clavell. 12.40 Close: Richard Easton reads The Glass in the Field from Thurber's Fables for Our Time.

Radio 3 6.00 am News Briefing. 6.55 am Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 5.30 Today. . . 7.00. 8.00 News.

7.30. 8.30 Headlines. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News.

10.00 News. 18.02 Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Daily Service.

in the quarter finals of the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship, And England's pro-spects for the tour of the West Indies. 10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Story: The End of the Season, by Peter Roberts.
11.00 News.
11.05 Baker's Dozen.†
12:00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yoars.
12.27 Joke by Joke by . . . Art Buchwald.†
12.55 Wearher 10.50 Parkinson: His guests are Lord Denning, Harry Secombe and Wynford Vaughan-Thomas. 11.50 News headlines. And weather

1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour.

3.00 News. 3.02 Play: John Hates Mary, by Owen Holder. 3.50 Through My Window. 4.00 Choral Evensong 1 3.00 News. 4.00 Choral Evensons 1 4.45 There Came Both Mist and Snow (8). 5,00 PML

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11.00 Lord Jim (3). 11.15 Finencial World Tonisht. 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.

10.30 am-10.45 Listen With Mother. 11.00 pm-1.30 Study on 4: Digame | (11).

Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 Football. 9.30 Semprim Serenade † 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Wit's End. 10.30 Martin Jarvis, 11.04 Brian Matthew. 2.02-7.05 Records: Mascagni, Verdi, 5.00 You and the Night and the

3.00 News. 8.05 Records: Hummel, Liszt, Radio 1 Clazumov (Seasons).† 9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composers: The Smetana Line.

10.00 Piano : Schubert (D894).† 10.40 Choir, etc : Frescobaldi.† 11.10 CBSO/Barshai, pt 1: Mozart (Pno Conc 17-Schirt).† 11.40 Interval reading. 11.45 CBSO, pt 2; Shostakovich

1.00 pm News. 1.05 Quartet (Endellion—live from Broadcasting House): Hayda (op 76, ne 5), Britten (no 3). 2.05 Music Weekly.† 2.55 Baroque Orch/Glover :

Vivaldi + 4.00 The Prelude, by Wordsworth 4.30 Chamber music : Mozart. 4.55 News. 5 00 Mainly for Pleasure + 7.00 Six Continents. .

7.20 Song-drama; The Chakra-

vaka Bird, by Anthony Gilbert (1st 8.45 Scientifically Speaking. 9.15 BBC Scottish SO/Bedford : Scriabin (Pno Conc).† 9.50 Reading: Shakespeare son-9.55 Trio (Beaux Arts) : Haydn (HXV24), Dvorak (op 65).†

11.05-11.15 Record : Strauss.†

Radio 2

5.00 am News, weather, 5.03 Bob Kilbey, † 7.32 Terry Wogan, † 10.03 Jimmy Young, † 12.03 pm Ray Moore, † 2.03 Ed Stewart, † 4.03

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5 Where Canadians train ducks possibly (7).

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6 Inactive sounding image (4).
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11 One of Quixote's inclinations (7).
12 Junior scout rejected—can always become a pirate (9).
13 One's allowed a smallholding (5).

14 Where West Indians make a 7 In which one may get bis perhaps with one (5).

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14 Where West Indians make a hit perhaps with one (5).

15 Other birds see wigeons perhaps, not 1 (4-5).

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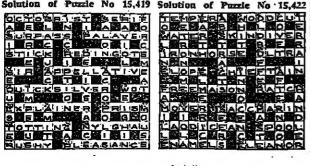
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26 Brummagem's miscellaneous clutter (7).
27 Great, it was, for the Boers in 1835 (4).
28 Unmarried woman, a school principal in Berkshire (10).
38 Lucerne, a base for two lads of the same name (7).
39 Got up like an agizator (7).
30 Raise nap on rag (5).
31 Massage sounds like a requirement (5).

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